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By order of the Board,
Tata Sons, Ltd., Agents,
A. J. BILIMORIA,
Director.
Registered Office,
Navsari Buildings, Fort, Bombay. 3725

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "KASADO MARU" having arrived, the Consignees of her Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to this Office for counter-signature without delay. No survey will be held on cargo damaged or in doubtful condition unless a written application for such survey is received by the undersigned within seven days after the cargo has been discharged. Capt. Richards of Messrs. Ericson and Richards, Company's appointed surveyors, will be attending Docks every morning to survey damages. Cargo removed from the Landing Shed or warehoused is not entitled to survey. No bag cargo in single gunny will be surveyed. The Bills for Claims are to be sent to this Office within one month from the date of steamer's arrival, otherwise they will not be entertained.

THE MANAGER,
Osaka Shosen Kaisha, Bombay.
16th April, 1918.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

REAY ROAD STATION.

ON and from the 22nd April, 1918, the temporary Reay Road Station at the Albert Road level crossing on the Harbour Branch Railway will be CLOSED and the permanent station at the Victoria Road over-bridge will be OPENED for traffic.

A. C. RUMBOLL,
General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, 16th April, 1918. 262

NOTICE.

THE SARVAJANIK COLLEGE, SURAT, will commence its work from 20th June, 1918. Students desiring to join the College should get their names registered with a deposit fee of Rs. 5, which will be returned to them in case they are unable to join the College by 25th June for some satisfactory reason.

For further particulars about fees, scholarships, etc., apply to the HON. SECRETARY, Sarvajanik Education Society, Surat. 3808

NOTICE.

PERMITS for the USE OF BLOCKS of the NARRONJI PURMANAND SANITARIUM at Lanowla will be issued to Vegetarian Hindus, desiring to occupy the same by the undersigned as the Managing Trustee of the Sanitarium.

Permits issued by Mr. Dharamsi Jethabhai Thacker or by any other person whomsoever in respect of any of the said blocks will not be recognised as no person except the undersigned as the present Managing Trustee of the said Sanitarium has power to issue such permits.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1918.

MATHURADAS MANJI,
Managing Trustee.
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THE PLANET MILLS, LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 43a, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of April, 1918, at 4 p.m. (S. T.), to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account up to 31st December, 1917.
2. To elect Diretors in the place of those who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.
3. To confirm the appointment of the Auditors, for the year 1917, and to appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other business the Chairman may bring before the meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd day of April, 1918, to the 6th day of May, 1918, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.
AHMED RAHIM & SON,
Agents.
Bombay, 15th April, 1918. 3809

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NURMAHOMED CASSUM SOMJI has contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property. All persons therefore, having any claim in to or upon the said property by way of inheritance, bequest, trust, possession, sale, exchange, gift, mortgage, lease, lien, charge, or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 113, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claims and all such claims, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land of the quit and ground rent tenure containing by admeasurement 310 square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 2759, Collector's New No. C/2759, Old Survey No. 335 and New Survey No. 4/5500 together with the tenement or building standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under Ward D No. 2081 (2) and Street No. 102A, all which premises are situate at Khetwadi Main Road in the City and Registration District of Bombay and are bounded on or towards the East by the sweeper's passage and beyond that by the property of Cooverji Babha, on or towards the West by the sweeper's passage and beyond that by the property of Edulji Rustomji Papa, on or towards the North by the Khetwadi Back Road and on or towards the South by the sweeper's passage and beyond that by the property of Temulji Dhunjibhai Mistry.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1918.

ARDESIR HORMASJI DINSHAW & Co.,
3818 Purchaser's Attorneys.

OFFERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT POONA.

ON behalf of our clients Mr. VENKANNA ELAPPA BALARAM and Dr. GOVIND BHAU PRABHAKER, Executors and Trustees of the last Will and Testament of the late RAO BAHADUR ELAPPA BALARAM, deceased, offers are invited for the purchase of the very valuable property described in the schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground containing by admeasurement 8750 square yards or thereabouts with the messuages tenements and Bungalow bearing No. 1 and all other the hereditaments standing thereon situate, lying and being at Cross Road, Wanowrie Poona, within the cantonment of Poona and bounded on or towards the North by a Public Road, on or towards the South by vacant ground, on or towards the East by a Public Road and on or towards the West by a Bungalow.

For further particulars and inspection of the property please apply to the undersigned at their Office No. 31, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 4th day of April, 1918.

PANDIA & Co.,
Solicitors for the Executors
and Trustees of the Late Rao
Bahadur Elappa Balaram deceased.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our client has contracted to purchase the undermentioned immoveable property situate at Panjrapole 2nd Lane, from Bai HIRABAI, wife of BAMONJI PESTONJI VACHHA. All persons having any interest in or claim into, upon or against the said property or any part thereof whether by way of gift, inheritance, mortgage, charge, lease, lien, trust, sale, purchase, easement, possession or otherwise howsoever, are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 79, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the purchase will be completed without reference to any such interest or claim and the same, if any, will be treated as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

FIRSTLY.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being at Panjrapole 2nd Lane, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay containing by admeasurement 358 square yards or thereabouts registered in the books of the Collector of Municipal Taxes under C. Ward No. 5630 and 5631 and Street No. 18-1, New Survey No. 2634 and which said premises are bounded as follows: that is to say on or towards the North and South by the property of the vendor, on or towards the East by the Panjrapole 2nd Lane and on or towards the West by the sweeper's passage.

SECONDLY.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground situate, lying and being at Panjrapole 2nd Lane, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 242 square yards or thereabouts registered in the books of the Collector of Municipal Taxes under C Ward No. 5629 and Street No. 16 and New Survey No. 2634 and which said premises are bounded as follows: that is to say on or towards the North by the property of the Vendor, on or towards the South by the property of Hormasji Dossabhai Karkhanawalla, on or towards the East by the Panjrapole 2nd Lane and on or towards the West by the sweeper's passage.

THIRDLY:—All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being at Panjrapole 2nd Lane, without the Fort of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 249 square yards or thereabouts registered in the books of the Collector of Municipal Taxes under C Ward No. 5632 and Street No. 20, New Survey No. 2634 and which said premises are bounded as follows: that is to say on or towards the North by the property of Vorah Ebrahimji Adambhai Lokhandwalla, on or towards the South by the property of the Vendor, on or towards the East by the said Panjrapole 2nd Lane and on or towards the West by the sweeper's passage. The said property are now in the occupation of the tenants of the Vendor.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1918.

MALVI MODY RANCHODDAS & Co.
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mrs. MARIA JUDITH AZAVEDO for herself and as the Administratrix of the estate of FOLICIANO PIEDADE BAPTISTA AZAVEDO, of Bombay Christian Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim in or upon or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easement, or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at No. 54, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY ABOVE REFERRED TO.

All that piece or parcel of Foras Land or ground situate at Elphinstone Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement ten thousand eight hundred and seventy-one (10,871) square yards or thereabouts registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 27, 42, 43 and New Survey No. 11898, Old Survey No. , New Survey No. 1/1897 and in the books of the Municipality under Ward No. 3564, Street No. 1026 and bounded as follows:—on the West partly by the Tulsi Water Drain and partly by he ground of Sir Shapurchand Tullockchand partly by the ground of Thomas S. Oliveira and partly by the ground of N. S. De Salvach Church, on the North by the property of Sebastiah Rodriques and Antonio Rodriques on the South by the ground of Sir Shapurchand Tullockchand.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1918.

MANEKLAL & CO.,
3810 Purchaser's Attorneys.

SALE BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD & CO'S SALES.

AUCTION SALE OF A VALUABLE VACANT PIECE OF LAND OPPOSITE THE SEWRI POST OFFICE AT VADALA VILLAGE SEWRI.

Under instructions from Mr. Abdul Cadar Haji Esmail Gulmahomed, the mortgagee and defendant in Suit No. 15 of 1917 (Dr. Rajabally Ramji Lakhdhir vs. Abdul Cader Haji Esmail Gulmahomed) in pursuance of the consent decree dated the 28th day of February, 1918 passed in the above suit No. 15 of 1917 Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 25th day of April, 1918, at 5 p.m., (S.T.) the following property on the premises.

PARTICULARS: All that piece or parcel of vacant Teera ground situate Vadalla Village at Sewri without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring 4,020 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 112-154, New Nos. 14907 and 15024, old Survey No. 2 and New Survey No. 3-2296 and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal rates and taxes under "F" Ward No. 2359 and Street No. 1053 and bounded on the North by the properties of Jamsetji Bhikhaji Naigaumwala and Nandu, widow, on the South by the properties of Bhasker Sunderji and Gopinath Sunderji, on the East by the ground belonging to Government and on the West by a public godown.

For further particulars and printed copies of conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Mathubhai Jamietram and Madon, Attorneys, for the mortgagee at their office in Bell Lane, Fort, or to the undersigned.

CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Bombay, 17th April, 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

J. S. MODY & CO
20, APOLLO STREET, FORT.
Telephone No. 3409.

AUCTION SALE OF 2 BALES SASSOON'S WHITE TANJIB AND 25 BALES INDIAN BLEACHING DYEING AND PRINTING MILLS RED TWILLS.

THIS DAY WEDNESDAY 17th day of April 1918, at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. J. S. MODY & Co. will sell by public auction at their Rooms in Apollo Street, Fort, next to the Post Office, by order of Mr. Mostafa bin Abdul Latiff and on account and at the risk of the defaulting purchasers Messrs. J. H. Khermoosh & Co. of 134, Apollo Chambers, Fort, Bombay, the following:—

D. S & Co.—2 bales Nos. 2412/13 Sassoon's White Tanjib No. 351 each 300 pieces of 38 by 9 by 19/20 yards arrived per S. S. "City of Madras" and lying at the Docks and 25 bales each 40 pieces Indian Bleaching Dyeing and Printing Mills Red Twills No. C. E. 9 of 52 yards lying at Mill shop godown.

A deposit of 25 per cent will be required at the time of sale and the balance will have to be paid and goods taken delivery of within 3 days from the date of sale against the delivery orders, Customs Duty, Dock charges, etc., for the above 2 bales to be paid by the purchaser.

AUCTION SALE OF DAMAGED FODDER (HAY).

By order of the Assistant Director of Supply and Transport (Embarkation), Bombay, Messrs. J. S. MODY and Co., Auctioneers, will, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of April, 1918, at 12 p.m. (S. T.), sell by Public Auction at Grain Depot Tank Bunder, Mazagon.

Bales of damaged Fodder (Hay).

Cash will be required on the lots being knocked down.

AUCTION SALE ON SUNDAY, THE 21st APRIL, 1918, AT 2-30 P.M. (S. T.).

Messrs. J. S. MODY and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, on SUNDAY, the 21st day of April, at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), at Gilbert Building, opposite Baboolnath, Chowpatty, very valuable teak and blackwood made-to-order household furniture comprising sliding dining table, arm and armless chairs, dinner waggons, dumbwaiters, meatsafes, rich glass and porcelainware, rich platedware, refrigerator ice chest, marble top tables, teapoys, upholstered drawing room suites, rich carpets, flower vases, glass bead door chicks, bedsteads, mirror and panel door almyrahs, clothes and gown presses, bedroom chest of drawers, dressing and wash-hand tables, clothes and gown presses, easy chairs, hatstands, aluminium cooking utensils, etc., etc.

The property of a gentleman.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

AUCTION SALE OF 20 BALES BLACK TWILL.

On MONDAY, the 22nd day of April, 1918, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. J. S. MODY and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms in Apollo Street, next to the Post Office, by order of Rais Abdurrahim Haji Mahomed Rafi Awazi and on account and at the risk of Aga Mahomed Taki Dehdusty.

Ex, s. s. "Sircasia" and lying at the Docks, H. A. A. R. M. 3764/78 3919/23—20 bales each containing 15 pieces Black Twill No. A 1.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale and the balance will have to be paid and goods taken delivery of within 3 days from the date of sale against the delivery orders, customs duty, Dock charges, etc., for the above 20 bales to be paid by the purchasers.

J. S. MODY & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 17th April, 1918.

MESSRS. MEHTA & CO
Auctioneers to the Government and G. I. P. Railway.
No. 25, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.
Telephone No. 1285.

AUCTION SALE OF 42 PACKAGES WHITE SHIRTINGS.

THIS DAY WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst. at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. MEHTA and Co.. will sell by Public Auction, by order of the concerned at Ganesh Gully, Moolji Jetha Market, behind the temple and on account and at the risk of Mr. Frank Jacob Ini of old Apollo Hotel.

42 cases each about 50 pieces White Shirtings No. 4308, 8304 or others and 40 yards.

AUCTION SALE OF 15 PACKAGES WHITE SHIRTINGS.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst. at 4 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by public auction, at Ganesh Gully, Moolji Jetha Market behind the temple, by order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of Seth Ramji Harivalabh:—

5 packages each 50 pieces White Shirtings No. 7510, 7525, 7523, 1357, 1358. 1359 and 40 yards.

5 packages each 50 pieces White Shirtings No. 569 or others and 40 yards.

5 packages each 50 pieces White Shirtings No. 9009. Lota Chap or others and 40 yards.

AUCTION SALE OF 20 PACKAGES WHITE SHIRTINGS.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst. at 4 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by public auction, at Ganesh Gully, Moolji Jetha Market behind the temple, by order of Thacker Keshavji Kanji and on account and at the risk of Sha Dayabhai Hiralal of Sunder Chowk:—

12 packages each 60 pieces White Shirtings No. A1 or others and 40 yards.

8 packages each 50 pieces White Shirtings No. 44 or others and 40 yards.

AUCTION SALE OF 6 BALES WHITE NENSOOKHS.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst. at 4 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction at Ganesh Gully Moolji Jetha Market behind the temple by order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of Seth Bhagwandas Gordhandas.

6 bales each 150 pieces White Nensookhs No. 734 to 934 or others and 18 yards.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS AND SWEEPINGS AT THE WADI BUNDER GOODS DEPOT OF THE G. I. P. RAILWAY.

Under instructions from the G. I. P. Railway Comapny and in accordance with sections 55 and 56 of Indian Railway Act IX of 1890 Messrs. MEHTA and Co. Auctioneers will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 30th instant at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Railway Companys Goods Depot at Wadi Bunder the following consisting of a quantity of unclaimed goods and sweepings such as bags of cotton seed, bags of wheat, bags of grain, bags of rice, bags of toor, bags of jawari, bags of birda, bags of dry chillies, bundles of cloth, cubs of empty jars, loose iron bars, case of locks, bundles of iron bars, loose C. I. sheet, bundles of bolts, bundles of hammers, case of household goods, loose copper piece, empty casks, empty cylinder, iron valve, bundles of gunny bags, box of old clothings, tin of ghee, pair of ghindy stones, bundles of jagree, bags of sweepings, grain, etc., etc.

A deposit of 50 per cent. shall be required at the time of sale.

AUCTION SALE OF 4 CASES COLOURED FLOWERED PRINTS.

On SATURDAY, the 20th instant at 2 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. MEHTA and Co., will sell by Public Auction by order of Seth Bhananbhoy Dhanji at his shop at Sunder Chowk Moolji Jetha Market and on account and at the risk of the defaulting purchaser Seth Vithaldas Bhagwandas.

4 cases each 60 pieces coloured flowered prints 50 to 52 yards.

MEHTA & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 17th April, 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

BENNETT & CO.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Imperial Mansion Cuffe Parade, Colaba Reclamation teak and blackwood household furniture, glass and crockeryware, dining table and chairs, dinner, tea and crockery sets, handsome sideboard with mirror, dumbwaiters, Chesterfield sofas and arm chairs, cabinets with mirrors, jardineers, blue china large and small vases, fancy writing tables, side tables, revolving chair, glass fronted book case, plain and tiled teapoys, china flower stand and pots, iron and brass bedsteads, clothes presses with and without mirrors, marble top wash-hand stand with crockery, plain and mirror glass door cupboards, chest of drawers, easy chairs, double meatsafe, Pasteur filter, collapsible steps alluminium chatties, etc., etc.

The property of W. L. Shaw, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property on view 4 days before the sale.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS.

Under instructions from Lieut.-Col. Waller of combined Labour Corps, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 18th day of April, 1918, at 2-30 p. m. (S. T.), sell by Public Auction, at Dadar near the Tram Terminus in the compound of the Labour Corps:—One lot unclaimed goods such as tin trunks, carpenter's tools, matting razai, wearing apparels, gunny, mattresses, etc., etc.

The above will be on view on the day of sale and cash will be required at the time of sale.

AUCTION SALE OF ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLE AND CLUB FURNITURE.

On SUNDAY, the 21st April, 1918, at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Bandra Main Road, near the Parsee's Fire Temple, one valuable and handsome English mahogany full size slate billiard table with lamps, balls, cues, marking boards, etc., by Bennett London, also teakwood benches, sofas, chairs, marble top table, glass door cupboard, etc., etc. The above is now on view.

On SUNDAY, the 28th April, 1918, at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. BENNETT and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Junction of Dadar, Main Road and Vincent Road, opposite the Convent and near the tram line, very valuable and handsome teak and Blackwood household furniture, rich glass crockery and platedware, dining tables, arm and without arm chairs, sideboards and dumb-waiters, rich mirror back cabinets, table ornaments, China and Japanese vases, one handsome sweet tone small size square piano by Schied Mayer Sohon and Stutgart, bentwood piano stool, music stands, glass door book cases, single and double bedsteads, mirror almyrahs, dressing and wash-hand tables, cloth and gown presses, bird cages with canaries, one gents' and lady's bicycles, stoves, China matting, rich garden tubs and pots with palms, etc., etc.

The property of a European Gentleman, going home.

Catalogues will be published and the property on view four days before the sale.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE BUILDING PLOTS, Chinch Bunder Road, Nowroji Hill Estate.

Under instructions from the Bombay Improvement Trust, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st proximo, sell by Public Auction, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), on Plot No. 14, the following very valuable building Plots for a term of 999 years.

LOT NO. 1.—Very valuable building site known as Plot No. 14, Nowroji Hill Estate containing 614 square yards and having a frontage of 65 feet on Chinch Bunder Road.

LOT NO. 2.—Very valuable building Plot known as Plot No. 15, Nowrojee Hill Estate, containing 567 square yards and having a frontage of 60 feet on Chinch Bunder Road.

For further particulars and conditions of sale and plan of the sites application may be made to the Board's Land Manager, Esplanade Road, Fort, or to the Undersigned.

On SATURDAY the 28th instant at 3-30 p.m., (S.T.), Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will sell by public auction, at their rooms a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods etc.

AT 2 P.M. (S.T.).

1 second hand rubber tyred vis-a-vis, in good order.

1 second hand rubber tyred victoria.

1 second hand rubber tyred palanquin office Shigram.

1 handsome gray arab horse, 6 years, quiet in harness.

1 1911 18-20 H. P. 4 cylinder 5 seater, Flanders motor car zenith carburetor, Bosch magnet, three tyres and tubes, brand new, in perfect running order.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On SUNDAY, the 5th May 1918, at 2-30 p.m., (S.T.), Messrs. BENNETT & Co., are instructed to sell by public auction at Nanean Sea Road, Malabar Hill, opposite Wilderness Road, teak and blackwood carved and plain household furniture, glass and crockery, cutlery, dining table and chairs, platedware, side boards, dumbwaiters, drawing room suite, chesterfield sofas and easy chairs, cabinets, carpets, pictures and oleographs, iron and brass bedsteads, wash hand tables, teapoys, almyrahs, writing table and chairs, revolving book stand, flower vases, carpets and durries, chest of drawers, ice box, meat safe, kitchen utensils etc., etc. Also a large collection of beautiful flower trees and plants in tubs and pots such as roses, annuals and bi-annuals in baskets, bigonias, maiden hair ferns, acacias, crottons, palms, alamanadas, geraniums, pansy, flocks, etc., etc., and garden implements. Property of Col. Ashton Street, I.M.S.

Catalogues will be published and furniture on view 4 days before the sale.

BENNETT & Co.,

Bombay, 17th April, 1918.

MENESSE & CO.
No. 35, HUMMUM STREET, FORT.
Telephone No. 4083.

AUCTION SALE of 35 Cases Electric Ceiling Fans, (by Ercole Marelli and Co.).

Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th April, 1918, at 3 p.m. at their Rooms, by order of the Insurance Office and on account of the concerned, the following slightly damaged goods:—

R. T. E. 35 cases electric D. C. Penente Ceiling Fans, 220 volts of (Ercole Marelli and Co.).

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required on the lots being knocked down.

AUCTION SALE OF 3 CASES, METAL POLISH 5 PACKAGES COTTON PIECE GOODS.

Messrs. MENESSE & Co., will sell by public auction on THURSDAY, the 18th April, 1918, at 3 p.m., at their rooms by order of the concerned, the following goods landed damaged ex. s.s. "Culna."

3 cases Globe Paste Metal Polish.

1 case cotton handkerchiefs, suitings, linings, flanelette.

4 bales Prints and Black Gauze.

MENESSE & Co.,

Bombay, 17th April, 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

GANDHI & CO
AUCTIONEERS & COMMISSION AGENTS
No. 52 Medows Street.

SALE TO-DAY AT 3 P.M. (S. T.).

AUCTION SALE OF 5 BALES CORDRAI.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 17th April, 1918, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. GANDHI and Co. will sell by Public Auction, by order of Messrs. Kanji Dharmsey Sons and Co., at their shop at Ganeshwadi and on account and at the risk of the defaulting purchaser, Mr. Yahudi E. Rubin:—

5 bales Cordrai No. 1109, each containing 40 pieces, each piece of 40 yards, manufactured in Manekji Petit Mills.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

SALE TO-MORROW, AT 3 P.M. (S. T.).

IMPORTANT TO MILL-OWNERS.

AUCTION SALE OF 10 BALES YARN (COLOURED) AND 25 PACKETS OF YELLOW AND PINK YARN.

Messrs. GANDHI and Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 18th April, 1918, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), at their Rooms No. 52, Medows Street, Fort, by order of Messrs. Chhaganlal Hargowinddas and on account and at the risk of the concerned:—

10 bales coloured yarn (useful in Check manufacture).

25 packets yarn yellow and pink network (X Rill) manufactured in the New Islam Mills.

The above is on view.

AUCTION SALE OF A MOTOR CAR.

On SATURDAY, the 20th April, 1918, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. GANDHI and Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction, at Bombay Motor Car Company's Garrage near Royal Opera House, Chowpaty, by order of Tejmal Tulsiram, the mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of Ramnarayanlal Bhavanji, the mortgagor:—

1 Talbot motor car, 4 cylinder, 5 seater, in running order.

The above car is on view at Bombay Motor Car Company's Garrage.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO MILL AND GIN OWNERS AS WELL AS SUPPLIERS.

AUCTION SALE OF 41 ROLLS COIR BELTINGS OF ALL SIZES.

On MONDAY, the 22nd April, 1918, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. GANDHI and Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms No. 52, Medows Street, by order of Messrs. Laxmidas Tricumdas and Co., and on account and at the risk of the defaulting indentor the following Rolls of coir belting in convenient lots:—

5 Rolls of 2½in. about 511 feet.
10 Rolls of 3in. about 1,000 feet.
18 Rolls of 4in. about 1,800 feet.
5 Rolls of 4½in. about 504 feet.
3 Rolls of 5in. about 311 feet.

These belts are used in many mills in Bombay and Ahmedabad and have proved to be not only cheaper, but more lasting; this offers therefore a good opportunity to owners of mills and gins as well as store suppliers.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY SITUATE AT 1ST PASTA LANE, COLABA.

Under instructions from Messrs. Malvi Mody Ranchhordas and Co., Attorneys for Mr. Dharsey Khetsey, the mortgagee, Messrs. GANDHI and Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction, all the undivided 4th share and the right, title and interest of the mortgagor Jamnadas Bhoja (now an Insolvent), in pursuance of the power of sale reserved under the deed of mortgage, dated the 7th day of December, 1917, made between the said Jamnadas Bhoja on one hand and the said Dharsey Khetsey on the other hand on THURSDAY, the 25th day of April, 1918, at 4 p.m. (S. T.), on the premises.

SCHEDULE.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of perpetual tenure situate at Colaba in the first Pasta lane, without the Fort in the Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 419 1/6 square yards (being made up of two pieces, admeasuring 321 2/3 square yards and 97½ square yards respectively) and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. C/1 D/1, New No. C7/16666 and D/16666, Old Survey No. 257 and New Survey No. 3 m/9564 and 4/2564 together with the messuages, hereditaments and godown standing thereon, assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "A" Ward No. 521 and 524, Street Nos. 46 to 52 and bounded on the North by the first Pasta Lane, on the South by the property of Maneckji Nasservanji Patel, on or towards the West by the Colaba Company's New Road, on the East by the property of Currimdina Haji Yacoob and which premises are at present in the occupation of the tenants of the mortgagor and his co-tenants in common.

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Bombay, 17th April, 1918.

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COMMERCIAL.

CABLE QUOTATIONS.

COTTON.

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Liverpool, April 13th.

M.G. Bengal	Good	..	..	..	17.73
"	" Fully Good	..	..	..	18.23
"	" Fine	..	..	..	18.60
"	No. 1 Oomra Good	..	..	..	19.49
"	" " Fully Good	..	..	..	19.99
"	" " Fine	..	..	..	20.38
"	Broach Good	..	..	..	22.40
"	Fully Good	..	..	..	22.65
"	Fine	..	..	..	22.90
"	Sclinde Good	..	..	..	17.73
"	" Fully Good	..	..	..	18.23
"	" Fine	..	..	..	18.60

Unchgd.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

London, Saturday, April 13th.

	Bales.
Total in Sight	1,050,000
Egyptian Visible Supply	463,000
East Indian " "	185,000
American " "	3,343,000
Other " "	68,000
Total Sales	29,000
East Indian Sales	5,000
Total Sepeculation	..
" Export	..
East Indian Export	..
" " Stock	87,000
" " Forwarded	4,700
" " Actual Export	..
" " Imports	1,000
" " Speculation	..
American Afloat	50,000
East Indian Afloat	25,000
Total Afloat	124,000

MONEY MARKET.

London, April 12th.

Bar Silver Spot	46 1/4
Closing Tone of Silver:—Steady.	
Discount Bank of England Rate 5 per cent. since 5th April, 1917	
Discount Bank Bills 3 m/st	3 9/16
" Indian Bank Bills 6 m/st	3 1/2
" Fine Trade Bills' 3 months ..	4 1/4
" " " 6 " ..	4 5/8
Interest day to day loans	2 3/4
" 7 day market loans	3 1/4
Consols 2½%	54⅝
Rupee Paper 3½% Nominal	44½
Indian Stock 3½% Sterling Loan	62½
Government Securities 3%	53½
Ex. On London at Paris Francs ..	27 17

WAR LOANS.

London, April 12th.

3½% 1925—1928	£88½
4½% 1925—1945	£106½
5% New	£94½

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

London, April 12th.

RAPESEEDS.

Rapeseed. Ferozepore usual Rold Afloat Value	590
Tone of Rapeseed.—Firm	
Toria Rapeseed Afloat Value	600

LINSEED.

Linseed Calcutta Value	595
Tone of Linseed:—Firm but inactive.	

METALS.

English best Selected Copper	£121
Standard Copper G.M.B. Nominal	£110½
Hard Spelter Nominal	..

JAVA SUGAR.

Raw Java Nos. 16/18 C. & F. Calcutta	
April-May Buyers	16
do. do. July-Sept. Buyers ..	16
Fine White Java C. & F. Calcutta April-May Buyers	18/6
do. do. July-Sept. Buyers ..	19
Tone:—Better demand.	

RUBBER

Para Rubber Fine Hard Cure May-June Sellers	3/1
Plantation First Latex Crepe May-June Paid	2/5

BOMBAY MARKETS.

COTTON.

(From our Commercial Correspondent.)

April 16.

Quotations this morning were Rs. 722 Association terms for Fine Broach May, and Rs. 735 for Fine April. On the opening of the Marwadi bazaar there was a further rush to sell and Fine Broach May was done at Rs. 703 to Rs. 704, while settlements of Good Broach April were made on Exchange terms at Rs. 694. Fluctuations of a rupee or two followed. At Colaba Fine Broach May was done at Rs. 691 Exchange terms and Rs. 695 Association. The market was demoralized, and many of the quotations given below are nominal.

Ready cotton has been weak and prices are easier. The enquiry has been small.

In our opinion the recent decline has been too rapid and has been overdone, and we should not be surprised at seeing a sharp reaction shortly.

QUOTATIONS 6 P.M.

Fine Broach	May	.. ..	Rs. 695
Fine Khamgaon Akola	"	.. ..	" 650
Fully Good Bengal	"	.. ..	" 530
Good Sawgiined Dharwar	May/June	.. ..	" 685
" M. G. Coompta	"	.. ..	" 678
" " Westerns	"	.. ..	" 665

BOMBAY COTTON TRADE ASSOCIATION.

QUOTATIONS 16th APRIL 1918.

Growths.	Super-fine.	Fine	F.G.	Gd.	Delivery.
M.G. Bengals ..	635	620	570	520	Ready.
M.G. Sind Punjab ..	625	615	565		"
M.G. Wardha Hinganghat		690	670		"
M.G Nagpore ..		690	670		"
M.G Yeotmal ..		680			"
M.G. Dhamangaon Pulgaon		670			6 "
M.G. Amraoti ..		670			"
M.G. Khamgaon Akola Fair staple		660	640		"
M.G. Khandesh ..			615		"
M.G. Muthia ..		630	605		"
M.G. Broach ..	735			712	25th Ap'll
M.G. Broach ..					"

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of cotton produce, etc., for the 48 hours ending 6 p.m. of 15th April 1918:—

Cotton	8,116 bales
Wheat	14,448 cwts.
Linseed	3,003 "
Rape, Rai & Mustardseed etc.	2,186 "
Gingellyseed	16 "
Poppyseed	Nil
Groundnuts	4,477 "
Castorseed	744 "
Rice	22,891 "
Myrabollams	273 "
Cottonseed	Nil "
Mowraseed	Nil
Gram	1,737 "
Jowar	670 "
Maize	Nil
Barley	Nil

*These figures do not include the arrivals by sea, which are not available.

THE BOMBAY COTTON EXCHANGE CO., LD

Market Quotation for Ready and Forward Delivery Contracts as fixed by the Rate Committee of the Exchange.

COLABA, 16th April 1918, at 6-30 p.m.

Growths.	Super fine	Fine	Fully Good	Good	Delivery.
Bengals (H.G)	635	620	650	520	Ready
Scinde-Punjab (M.G.)	635	620	575	..	Ready
Khandesh (M.G.)	..	..	615	..	Ready
Mathia (M.G.)	..	630	605	..	Ready
Akola Khangaum Karanja (M.G)	..	690	650	..	Ready
Nagpore Kampti (M.G.)	..	685	665	..	Ready
Wardha H'ghat (M.G.)	..	685	685	..	Ready
Broach (M.G.)	735	..	..	..	Ready
Surat	..	..	..	712	25 April 18

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

The following are to-day's closing rates as issued by the Marwari Chamber of Commerce.

Bombay, April 16th 1918.—4 p.m.

Ready.	Bazar Terms: Rs. as. p.	Rail Delivery. Rs. as. p.
Wheat, White Delhi 70-30 ..	56 0 0	7 10 0
" " Cawnpore 70-30	56 0 0	7 10 0
" Karachi Bangla ..	56 0 0	7 10 0
Rapeseed, Brown Delhi ..	7 1 0	7 7 0
" " Cawnpore	7 0 0	7 6 0
" Yellow Cawnpore	7 0 0	7 6 0
Linseed, Brown Bold ..	8 0 0	8 6 0
" Thin	7 10 0	8 0 0
Teeliseed, White 85.15 ..	61 0 0	---
" Gajar 75.25 ..	56 0 0	---
" Gajar 50.50 ..	53 0 0	---
" Black ..	49 0 0	---
Poppyseed, White ..	8 12 0	9 2 0
Groundnuts ..	43 0 0	---
Mowraseed ..	5 0 0	5 6 0
Barley ..	26 0 0	5 4 0
Castorseed ..	42 0 0	9 10 0

Forward	Rs. as. p
Wheat April-May	7 2 0
Linseed May	6 11 9

BOMBAY AND CHINA YARN MARKET

	Rates.
Davids No. 10	15 14 0
Shapurji No. 10	15 3 0
Simplex No. 10	15 2 0
Edward No. 10	15 2 0
Light Houses No. 6½	13 14 0

BOMBAY EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

Bombay April 16th 1918.	Market Rates
Bank Telegraphic	1 6 15/16
" Demand	1 6 1
Doc. Acceptance 3m/s	1 6 7
Fcs. Demand	204½
American Dollars	278
Hongkong	265½
Shanghai	292
Japan	147½
Singapore	185½

Market steady.

MONEY AND SHARE MARKET.

BULLION.

Bar Gold Rs. 27.
Sovereign Rs. 16-11.
Silver ready Ex-duty Rs. 108-10.
Silver 1st Sett. Rs. 108-10.

EXCHANGE.

Bank Tel. Transfer 1/5 31/32.
Bank demand draft 1/6 1/16
3 Months sight draft 1/6 7/16.
Bank demand on France Fr. 204
3 Months sight Francs Fr. 212.
D. D. on Hongkong Rs. 205/4.
D. D. on Shanghai Rs. 292.
T. T. on Japan Rs. 147/8.
60 Days sight Japan Rs. 143/4.
Bank demand on New York Rs. 279.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

The following are the nominal rates:—
5 per cent War Loan 192947.
Ex-warrant 92-8.
5½ per cent, War Bonds 1920-22 98-8.
4 per cent, Conversion loan 80.
4 per cent. Terminable loan 92.
3½ per cent. Paper 65-8.
4½ per cent. Port Trust long dated due 1926 88.
4 per cent. Port Trust long dated 76.
4 per cent Municipal long dated 76.
4 per cent Municipal short dated 78.
4 per cent. Bombay City Improvement Trust long dated 78.
5 per cent. Municipal Tansa 91-8.
5 per cent. Municipal Sanitary 91.
The following are the Bank rates:—
Bank of Bombay 6 per cent.
Bank of Bengal 6 per cent.
Bank of Madras 7 per cent.

SHARES.

There were no transactions in both the markets on account of April settlement.

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THE WEATHER.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, April 16.

Condftions are becoming unsettled in north-west India but no rainfall occurred except locally in Upper Burma, south Assam and the head of the Bay. Chief amounts are Maymio, Silchar Jessore, Balasore three quarters of an inch.

Forecast:—No. large change.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Tuesday, the 16th April 1918, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded. Humidity is locally below normal. Day temperature is below the average at a few stations, while night temperature is in moderate to considerable defect throughout.

The United Provinces.—Skies are lightly or moderately clouded. Humidity is below normal. Day temperature is in slight defect while night temperature is in moderate to considerable defect.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are lightly clouded in Rajputana and moderately clouded in Sind. Day temperature is in slight excess in upper Sind and in slight defect in lower Sind; night temperature is below the average in north Rajputana, the deficiency amounting to 16deg. F. at Ajmer.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are clear in Central India West and are lightly or moderately clouded elsewhere. Humidity is above normal in Gujarat and Central India West. Day temperature is in slight defect in the south of Gujarat and Kathiawar; night temperature is below normal at Ahmedabad.

The Central Provinces.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded. Humidity is below normal. Day temperature continues in defect in the northern districts; night temperature is below the average except in the south-west.

The Konkan.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded. Temperature is in defect at Ratnagiri.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Humidity continues in considerable defect in east Hyderabad and in slight defect elsewhere. Day temperature is slightly above normal in east Hyderabad; night temperature is below the average in the Bombay Deccan.

General Remarks.—The indications of unsettled weather on the north-west frontier are more marked to-day and a fresh disturbance appears to be approaching from the west. Very low night temperatures prevail in the Punjab, north Rajputana, the United Provinces and parts of the Central Provinces.

Weather has been dry and no great change appears likely.

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BOMBAY CITY AND SUBURBS.

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS.

Municipal Standing Committee Meeting, 4-10 p.m.
Homeward English Mail closes at G. P. O. at 5 p.m.
Salle Francaise: Prof. Louis Peltier on Teaching and Studying Languages, 6-15 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 18.

Mails for Laurenzo, Marquis and South Africa via Dhanushkodi and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 p.m.

FRIDAY April 19th.

Ram Navmi (Hindu holiday): Banks closed.
G. I. P. Byculla Mechanics' Institute, Grand Al Fresco Fancy Dress Dance at 9-30 p.m.
Mails for Ibo, Chindi, Zanzibar, Quilimane, Mozambique, Beira and L. Marquis, will be closed at the General Post Office at 9 a.m. Correspondence for Natal, Cape Colony and other places in South Africa will also be forwarded by the same steamer.

SUNDAY, April 21.

Mails for Muscat, Jask, Bunder Abbas, Dubai, Bushire, Charbar and Pasni will be closed at the Bombay General Post Office at 8 a.m. Registered letters and parcels will be accepted upto 6-30 p.m. on Saturday.

AMUSEMENTS.

TO-NIGHT.

Royal Opera House, Cinema at 6-45 and 10 p.m.
Excelsior Theatre: Cinema at 6-30 and 9.45 p.m.
Palace of Varieties: Gaiety Theatre 6-30 and 10 p.m. "Sergeant Koko."
Empire Cinema: 6-30, 8-15 & 10 p.m.
Majestic Cinema: Girgaum, near Tram Terminus, 7-0, 8-30 and 10-30.
West End Cinema: Charni Road, 5-30, 7-0, 8-45 and 10-15.
Imperial Cinema: Lamington Road, 7-0, 8-45 and 10-30
New Alahmbra Cinema: Sandhurst Road, 7-0, 8-45 and 10-30 (S. T.).
Anglo-American Cinema: Sandhurst Road, 7-0, 8-30 and 10-30.
New Alexandra Cinema: Lohar Chawl, Princess Street.
Eldorado Cinema: Lamington Road, 7-0, 8-45 and 10-15.

Domestic Occurrence.

DEATHS.

GILES—Michael John, son of Mr. J. Giles, Roosevelt House, Apollo Bunder, died suddenly. Funeral 5 p.m. arriving Sewri 5-30 p.m.

OOMER—Abdul Sattar Oomer, nephew of Mr. H. Sulleman Abdul Wahed, died at his residence Rajput Villa, Club Road, Byculla, on 16th April, 1918, at 4 p.m. at the age of 38.

REQUIEM MASS.

There will be a Requiem High Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Dr. P. J. Lucio de Souza at the Church of Our Lady of Glory, Byculla, on Friday the 19th inst. at 7-30 a.m. Friends and relatives are kindly requested to attend.

BAND AT THE BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

By kind permission of Colonel T. W. Bonner V.D. and Officers, the Band of the 13th G. I. P. Railway Bn. will play this evening a programme of music, under the direction of Mr. Hugh B. Mitchell, Bandmaster, commencing at 6-15 p.m.

THE YOUNG THEISTS' UNION.

The weekly meeting of the Union will be held to-day ((Wednesday) at 7 p.m. (S.T.) in the Ram Mohun Ashram of the Prarthana Samaj, Girgaum, when Mr. V. N. Naik will give a retrospect of the first four sermons of Dr. Martineau in his Endeavours after Christian Life. All are cordially invited to attend.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION.

A Telegraph Notification requests the public to use the cables only for messages of urgent importance and states that all classes of foreign telegrams are subject to indefinite delay. This applies to all foreign telegrams whether sent by the Eastern Company or by the Eastern Extension Company *via* Madras.

POSTAL NOTICES.

Mails for E. A. E. Force, Lamu, Mombasa, will be closed at the General Post Office at 10 a.m. To-day, Wednesday, the 17th instant instead of at 9 a.m. on 16-4-18 as previously notified.
Mails for Ceylon, Straits Settlements, China and Japan will be closed at the General Post Office at 9 a.m. to-day, Wednesday the 17th instant.

V. MADOWDASS CHARITABLE DISPENSARY

During the month of March the total number of patients treated in this dispensary was 2,266 among them the number of new admissions was 793 being classified as stated below, Hindus 464, Mussulmans 138, Parsees 7, Christians 102 and other classes 82. The average daily attendance was 73.

FOOT FRACTURED BY RUNNING CAR.

Jilloo Babaji, aged 30, while coming out of the Marine Street on to the Customs House Road was knocked down by motor car No. 5607, as he came in front of the car. The left front wheel of the car passed over the left foot of Jilloo, and it was fractured. He was treated at the G. T. Hospital.

MOTOR COLLISION AT ROAD JUNCTION.

A collision took place between motor car No. 4581 belonging to Mr. A. P. Maurice and another belonging to Mr. Dwarkadas Jekisondas at the junction of Narayan Dabholker Street. The cars were on the proper side and travelling at a moderate speed, but the collision resulted as the cars could not see each other while approaching the junction.

MAN KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR.

When a motor car belonging to Mr. Mitchell of Bourne and Shepherd was going along the Suparibag Road, near the G. I. P. Railway workshops, on the evening of Monday last, one Shantaram Shivashanker got out of a tram car, and crossing over walked straight into the car, with the result that he was knocked down. The car which was going at walking pace was stopped at once, and the man was taken to the hospital, where it was found he had received some abrasions on his head and face.

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Under the auspices of the above Society there will be a "Children's Gathering" in the Hall of the S. L. and Cc. Society's Shunkersheth School for Girls, Pallow Road, on Friday the (Ramnavmi Day) at 4 p.m. (S.T.) when Mr. Shanker Sitaram Shastri Dandeker, will address the children on a religious and moral subject. After the Lecture there will also be a Magic Lantern Show. Prof. V. N. Hate, will preside.

RE-ADMITTED INTO HINDUISM.

On Sunday the 14th of April an interesting ceremony took place at Poona. Mr. Ishwardas Balamukund, for some time a convert to Christianity, made a declaration before a First Class Magistrate that he renounced Christianity and embraced Hinduism. Mr. G. B. Vaidya of the Hindu Missionary Society, Bombay, went to Poona and received him back with a solemn initiation ceremony. Mr. Gopaldas, recently come into Hinduism from Islam, acted as the firewarden and kept the fire blazing during the ceremony. In the evening Mr. Vaidya gave a public lecture explaining the ideals and scope of the Hindu Missionary movement.

MORTALITY IN BOMBAY.

Twenty-four attacks and 16 deaths from plague occurred in Bombay on Monday, the cases being reported as follows: Mandvi attacks and 2 deaths; Maratha Hospital 3 deaths, Middle and Lower Colaba 2 attacks and 1 death, Dhobi Talao and Tardeo 2 deaths each, Worli, Sewri, Sion, Kamatipura, 2nd Nagpada, Walkeshwar, Girgaum, Kumbharwada and Fort Northern 1 attack and 1 death each, Chukla, Umerkhadi, Bhuleshwar, Mazagon and Byculla 1 attack each; Fanaswadi 1 death. There were 14 attacks and 1 death from small-pox. Cholera was absent. The total mortality from all causes stood at 161, while on the corresponding day of 1917 there were 85 deaths and in 1916, 136 deaths.

A MUNICIPAL PROSECUTION.

MR. GOKULDAS NENCY'S CASE ADJOURNED.

At the Mazagon Police Court, before Rao Bahadur Chunilal H. Setalvad, yesterday, Mr. Mulraj Gokuldas Nency appeared in answer to a charge, preferred against him by the Health Department, of failing to fill in or clean and cover hermetically with concrete and fix in a hand pump if required over a well at his premises at Matunga.
Mr. N. B. Vibhakar appeared for Mr. Mulraj.
Mr. Vibhakar applied for an adjournment on the ground that they had written to the Municipal Corporation in the matter. On the 4th April, the Corporation had passed a resolution to forward copies of letters in the matter to the Municipal Commissioner for favour of remarks through the Standing Committee and informing the Commissioner that the Corporation were of opinion that if the owner of the well applied for an adjournment pending disposal of the matter by the Corporation, the Municipality should not oppose the application. He (Mr. Vibhakar) understood that the Municipality were not opposing the adjournment.
The Magistrate adjourned the case to the 30th instant.

3 MONTHS FOR THEFT OF GOLD STUDS

Before Mr. A. H. S. Aston at the Esplanade Police Court, Rama Vishram was charged by Inspector Chapman with theft, as a servant, of gold studs worth Rs. 150 belonging to his master. The accused absconded after committing the theft, but was arrested at Santa Cruz. He was convicted and sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.
Pandu Barkya who had bought the studs for Rs. 7 was charged with receiving stolen property. He was sentenced to a day's simple imprisonment, and a fine of 250 or in default two months' rigorous imprisonment.

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

A meeting of members and their friends took place yesterday. The election of the following 23 members since the last meeting was announced:—Mr. Amir A. Ali, Mahboobnagar, Nizam's Dominions; Mr. E. C. Thatcher, Sahuspur P. O., Dehra Dun District; Mrs. G. A. Wathen, Amritsar; Mr. C. Norman, Rangoon; Mr. Duncan Cameron, Khaur, Pindigheb; Capt. S. T. Sheppard, Bombay; Mr. A. J. H. Tietkens, Darjeeling; Mr. J. Fernandes, Pachmarhi; Mr. G. H. Langmole, Lopchu, Bengal; Dr. M. V. Mehta, Bombay; Mr. L. G. Khare, Bombay; Captain E. A. H. Mackenzie, Jask; Mr. A. E. Donaldson, Rangoon; Mr. C. H. Q. McConnell, Ceylon; Mr. James Erskine, Ceylon; Second-Lieut. G. H. E. Hopkins, Bangalore; Mr. D. P. Frenchman, Bombay; Lieut. J. Stuart Harrison, Secunderabad; Lieut. Donald Lowndes, Wellington; Mr. B. W. Drury, Chanda, C. P. Mr. D. F. Sanders, Hyderabad, Deccan; Mr. J. W. K. Fellowes, Satara; and Dr. A. J. Kohiyar, Bombay.
The following papers were read at the meeting:—1. On Camel poisoning by Nerium odorum (Oleander) by Captain Hotson, with a note by the Rev. E. Blatter, S. J. 2. A note on the breeding habits of some centipedes and millipedes, by Mr. C. McCann.

REGULATION OF FUEL SUPPLY.

The Controller of Prices has made the following Notification in the "Government Gazette":—
Some difficulty has been experienced in the supply of fuel for domestic use in Bombay owing to the large amount of firewood that is being purchased by the mills. It is desirable to meet the requirements of the mills as far as possible, without doing so at the expense of the domestic supply. It is accordingly notified that retail dealers licensed to sell firewood will only be allowed to do so in quantities not exceeding five khandies. Mills requiring firewood must submit a requisition for the same to the Deputy Controller for Coal Supply as they would do for coal, when endeavours will be made to meet their wants. Wholesale dealers may only sell firewood to private individuals in quantities not exceeding five khandies: and they may only sell to mills on permits signed by the Deputy Controller.

KEROSINE OIL PRICES

The Controller of Prices, Bombay, notifies a small correction in the Press Note issued by him on the 15th instant and published by us yesterday. In the following sentence in lieu of the word "Petrol," the words "Kerosine oil" should be read:—"Booking of petrol to upcountry stations will only be allowed when consigned to agents of Oil Companies."

FOOTBALL IN BOMBAY.

ARMY V. NAVY.

The Army v. Navy Football match which is to be played this evening at 5-45 p.m. on the Oval ground where the recent Aga Khan Hockey Tournament was played, promises to be an interesting event. The game is to be played in aid of the East Indies Naval Fund and the Women's Branch of the Bombay Presidency War and Relief Fund. The Army have an exceptionally strong team with many noted English players amongst them. The Navy also have a strong team, but have not had the same opportunity to practise as the Army team. Notwithstanding this, there is every prospect of a good game and the Bombay public will have an opportunity of witnessing a first class football game which will be somewhat a change after the recent Aga Khan Hockey Tournament.
Mr. F. H. Pavri has arranged to loan the stands for this game free of charge. The sailors are to play in dark and light green stripes. The soldiers will play in the colours of the Victoria War Hospital—amber and black. It is expected that the Bombay public will patronise this match to the fullest extent and enable the men of the Army and Navy to raise a good substantial sum for the Funds abovementioned.
The following men will represent the Army:—
Neel (vice-capt.), goal; Ford, right back; Adams, left back; George, right half; Waugh, centre half; Tebbett, left half; Foster, outside right; Harris, inside right; Eddowes (capt.), centre forward; Fox, inside left; Ramsay, outside left.
Reserves:—Birkett, Smith, Weedon and Chapman.
The following men will represent the Navy:—
Walker (vice-capt.), goal; Harlow, right back; Watson (capt.), left back; Palfreman, right half; Charteworth, centre half; Denahy, left half; Simpson, outside right; Lee, inside right; McLenon, centre forward; Weaver, inside left; Spufford, outside right.
Reserves:—Jones, Wilkins, Price, Keefe, Brophy, Woolfe and Davis.
Referee:—D. Moir.
Linesmen:—Rolfe and Gillard.

GREAT NORTH OF INDIA HORSE SHOW.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

The above Show was held in Topi Park, Rawalpindi, from April 1st to 8th, 1918, by kind permission of Major-General Sir Charles Dobell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 2nd (Rawalpindi) Division.
Class I.—For Brood Mares.—This was cancelled as there was only one entry.
Class II.—Likely Remounts, Country Bred.—1st Wilson Junr. Cavalry O. C. 22nd.
Class III.—English and Colonial Heavy Weight Horses. Major V. A. Coaker's Duiverton 1; Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. F. North's Durban 2; Sir M. O'Dwyer's Carnew 3.
Class IV.—English and Colonial Light Weight Horses.—Lieut.-Col. E. C. Bayley's Wilful Way 1; Major G. M. Hutton's Gardener 2; General Sir A. Barrett's Offshore 3.
Class V.—Officers' Chargers, over 14-2.—Major Coaker's Dulverton 1; Major-General Dobell's Toasted Cheese 2; General Sir A. Barrett's Waver 3; Lieut.-Col. North's Durban 4.
Class VI. Officers' Chargers, 14-2 and under.—Capt. Nelson's Pilot 1; Major Gucht's Desi 2; Lieut.-Col. North's Marble 3.
Class VII.—Mountain Battery Mules.—Major Niven's Vendetta 35th (Res.) Mountain Battery's Team 1; R. G. A. No. 1 Mountain Battery's Team 2.
Class VIII.—English and Colonial Polo Ponies.—Capt. Lucas' Loquacious 1; Capt. Nelson's Pilot 2; Capt. Walker's Bell Hatch 3.
Class IX.—Arab Polo Ponies.—Capt. Nelson's Long Silk 1; Capt. Learoyd's Agag 2; Major Noake's The Boy 3.
Class X.—Country-Bred Polo Ponies.—Capt. Benton's Simon 1; Major Niven's The Glad Eye 2.
Class XI.—Artillery Team—Best Turn-out. R. H. A., "M" Battery's Team 1; R. F. A., 77th Battery's Right Section 2; R. F. A., 77th Battery's Left Section 3.
Class XII.—Artillery Driving Competition. R. F. A. 4th Battery 1; R. F. A. 90th Battery 2.
Class XIII.—Jumping—Open to N. C. O.'s and Men. British Troops.—R. F. A., 89th Battery 1; O. C. 21st Lancers 2; O. C. 21st Lancers 3; R. H. A. "M" Battery 4; 22nd M. G. Squadron's Whippett 5.
Class XIV.—Ladies' Hacks, over 14-2.—Mrs. Jameson's Akbar 1; Major-General Leader's Bendmeer 2; Major-General Dobell's Toasted Cheese.
Class XV.—Harness Class. Best Turn-out. Mrs. F. V. Spooner 1.
Class XVI.—Jumping—Indian N. C. O.'s and Men. O. C. 30th Lancers 1; No. 2 Amn. Col. R. F. A.'s Wala 2; O. C. 30th Lancers 3; O. C. 33rd Cavalry 4.
Class XVII.—Four-in-hand Teams.—O. C. 21st Lancers 1; M. Battery R. H. A. 2.
Class XVIII.—Best Tonga Turn-out was cancelled as there was no entry.
Class XIX.—Best Team of A. S. C. or S. and T. Mules, Turn-out Mules, etc.—19th Mule Corps 1; 38th Mule Corps 2; No. 1 Mule Depot 3.
Class XX.—Machine Gun Mules—O. C. 1st Battalion, Durham L. I. 1.
Class XXI.—Best Artillery Troop Horse. N. C. O.'s and Men over 14-2—R. F. A., 77th Battery 1; R. F. A., 4th Battery 2; R. F. A. No. 2 Amn. Col. General 3.
Class XXII.—Best Cavalry Troop Horse—Cancelled as there was only one entry.
Class XXIII.—Cancelled.
Class XXIV.—Country-Bred Horses.—Mr. J. Wallington's Top O' The Morning 1; Major R. Archbold's Cattle King 2; Major G. M. Hutton's Golden Gleam 3.
Class XXV.—Country-Bred Ponies.—Major V. A. Coaker's Misty Morn 1; Mr. J. D. Scott's Lady Mallwood 2; Mrs. S. A. Tuck's Brenda 3; Lieut.-Colonel T. Irvine's Hope 4.
Class XXVI.—Arab Ponies.—Mr. Sydney Smith's Persia 1; General Sir Herdit Singh's Pharoahgah 2; Capt. C. Nelson's Long Silk 3.
Class XXVII.—Indian Officers' Chargers—Risaldar Pertab Singh 1; Resaldar Abdul Raur Khom 2; Risaldar Airah Singh 3.
Class XXVIII.—Indian Cavalry Troop Horses.—O. C. 4th Cavalry 1; O. C. 30th Lancers "C" Squadron 2; O. C. 30th Lancers "B" Squadron 3.
Class XXIX.—Hunters' Heavy Weight.—Major V. A. Coaker's Dulverton 1; Major G. T. Vander Gucht's William 2; Sir M. O'Dwyer's Carmew 3.
Class XXX.—Hunters' Light Weight.—Mrs. E. Jameson's Akbar 1; Lieut.-Colonel T. W. Irving's Hope 2; Major-General H. P. Leader's Bendmeer 3; Major-General Sir Chas. Dobell's Candle Ends 4.
Class XXXI.—Ladies' Hacks, 14-2 and under.—Lieut.-Colonel T. Irving's Hope 1; Capt. C. Nelson's Pilot 2; Mrs. S. A. Tuck's Daniel 3; Lieut.-Colonel North's Marble 4.
Class XXXII.—Chiidren's Ponies.—Miss Maureen Chichester's Guru 1; 43rd Pony Corps' Multum in Parvo 2.
Class XXXIII.—English and Colonial Ponies, 14-2 and under.—Mr. Sidney Smith's Avanti 1; Col. J. Farmer's Tom 2; Capt. McTavish's Tommy 3; Mrs. S. A. Tuck's Daniel 4.
Class XXXIV.—Horses, Jumping over 14-2—Mr. G. Duncan's Rath Michael 1; Lieut. N. W. Tredinnick's Stockings 2; R. F. A. 77th Battery 3; No. 2 Amn. Col. R. F. A. 4; R. F. A. 77th Battery 5; Mr. Griffith's Main Guard 6.
Class XXXV.—Ponies, Jumping 14-2 and under.—O. C. 33rd Cavalry 1; Mr. Griffer's Rear-Guard 2; Major D. S. Niven's The Glad Eye 3; Major H. E. Fooks' Flapper 4.
Class XXXVI.—Open Championship for the Best Horse in the Show, for a Cup presented by H. H. the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab. Won by Colonel E. C. Bayley's Wilful Way. Reserve Major Coaker's Dulverton.
Class XXXVII.—Open Championship for the Best Pony in the Show, for a Cup presented by General Sir Arthur Barrett, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.V.O. Won by Mr. Sydney Smith's Avanti. Reserve Major Coaker's Misty Morn.
The Cups were presented by Lady O'Dwyer.

PATHAN TERRORISM.

WRONGFUL RESTRAINT OF A CREDITOR

At the Mazagaon Police Court, Rao Bahadur Chunilal H. Setalvad has disposed of a case in which Sub-Inspector Rane charged Shivji, a grain dealer, having his shop at Kandewadi, and Azizkhan Kadirkhan and Gulfarazkhan Sarfarazkhan Pathans, with wrongfully restraining Shivshunker Roghoba, a draftsman in the employ of the Bombay Improvement Trust, residing at Kelewadi. Mr. Dalvi defended the first accused and Mr. Bardi defended the second and third accused.
The complainant alleged that he had had some dealings with the first accused but had subsequently paid off his debts to him. On the 12th instant the first accused accompanied by the two Pathans, went to the complainant's house and demanded payment. The complainant told him he would not pay him anything as he owed him nothing. Upon this, the first accused told the Pathans to take the money from the complainant anyhow and not to allow him to go out of his house until he paid the money. The two Pathans thereupon took their seats on the front side of the threshold and said that unless he (the complainant) paid up the money they would not allow him to go out and that if he attempted to go out they would assault him and stab him with a knife. It was further alleged that when neighbours remonstrated with the first accused and told him to go to Court, he (the first accused) said he did not care for the Court and that the Pathans were his Magistrates. The complainant's son and a neighbour then fetched a policeman, who on arrival, found the two Pathans seated there and arrested them and took them to the Police Station.
All the three accused pleaded not guilty. The first accused said the complainant had owed him Rs. 20 for the last six months, which he refused to pay in spite of repeated demands. On the previous day his younger brother went to the complainant's house to demand money, which the latter refused to pay and assaulted the brother. The second accused said he went with the first accused to secure his outstandings. The third accused said he met the first two accused on the road so went along with them.

ALL ACCUSED CONVICTED.

The Magistrate, convicting the accused, said they deserved severe punishment. Recovery of dues by grain dealers by threatening through Pathans could not be allowed. He sentenced the first accused to a fine of Rs. 150, in default, to seven days' rigorous imprisonment. He sentenced the second and third accused to a fine of Rs. 60 each, in default to seven days' rigorous imprisonment each.

ASSAULT ON CINEMA MANAGER.

ACCUSED FINED AND BOUND OVER.

At the Mazagon Police Court, Bombay, on Tuesday, Mr. G. R. Khairaz, disposed of the case in which Mr. A. Moniz appeared to answer a charge of assault preferred against him by Mr. P. R. Tipnis, manager of the Imperial Cinematograph. Mr. R. D. N. Wadia, with Mr. K. F. Nariman, appeared for the compainant, while Mr. J. Vas, defended the accused, who pleaded guilty.
In delivering his decision, the Magistrate said that in this case the accused was charged under section 352 of the Indian Penal Code, with assaulting the complainant on the night of the 23rd of March on the premises of the Imperial Cinematograph. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge. The circumstances under which the accused assaulted the complainant were set out in the complainant and none of the statements contained therein was seriously challenged by the accused. On the evidence of the complainant and the accused's own plea of guilty, he (the Magistrate) said it was abundantly clear that the accused had severely assaulted the complainant. He (the Magistrate) therefore, convicted the accused and sentenced him to pay a fine of Rs. 75, and as this was the accused's second conviction for committing breach of the peace the Magistrate directed that the accused be bound over in the sum of Rs. 200 for a period of six months to keep the peace.

NEW ALEXANDRA.

The picture world has been agog for many months respecting the production in a visualised form of Hall Caine's wonderful creation, "The Eternal City," and at length the Bombay public will have an opportunity of witnessing the subject at the New Alexandra Cinema from Saturday next the 20th instant. It is a real classic in picture production. The company responsible for the production of this play had the unique experience of travelling to Italy and England to secure most of the principal scenes. The Italian scenes in the Vatican Gardens, in the Castle of St. Angelo, the beautiful Villa D'Est in Tivoli, the Coliseum, Rome, and many others have been reproduced with the full consent of the highest ecclesiastical and other authorities. As a novel and play "The Eternal City" has always been acknowledged as one of the greatest successes ever written and as a motion picture it is certain it will attain an equal popularity owing to the fidelity with which it has been produced.

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IRELAND.

The Irish problem, which has seemed interminable and insoluble, has now reached a critical stage from which it must emerge with some approach to a definite and, let us hope, satisfactory solution. The prospects of such a solution, however, are not entirely bright. The bulk of the Irish people at this moment are in a bitter mood as a result of the Government's decision to extend conscription to their country. The decision of the Government, on the other hand, is as unalterable as it was inevitable. But it is impossible not to sympathise in some measure with Irishmen in their attitude towards the measure—an attitude which, it must be remembered, is largely the outcome of the manner in which, ever since the war, great opportunities for enlisting their sympathy and enthusiasm have been neglected and mishandled by successive Governments. Now, however, the supreme consideration must overweigh every other consideration if democracy is to be saved. The troops under Field-Marshal Haig are fighting "with their backs to the wall"—fighting for the safety of their homes and the freedom of mankind. There must not, therefore, be any faltering from any part of the Empire which can throw its strength most effectively in the scale against the enemy. Ireland can do that now and immediately and Ireland must do it. The struggle against the enemy, as the Premier said, is just as much Irish as English. From a purely abstract point of view no suggestion could be more acceptable and equitable than that made by Mr. Devlin. If the Government, he said, introduced a broad measure of self-government, satisfying the Irish national aspirations and called at the earliest moment a Parliament representing Irish citizenship, the Government would get from Ireland what they got from South Africa. That is perfectly true and it were greatly to be wished that British statesmen had enough imagination and foresight to have secured this enthusiastic response of Ireland long before the present necessity arose. But time is now all important and time cannot wait. It is, however, essential that, as the Premier emphasised, when large numbers of Irish youths are brought into the fighting line, they should feel that they are not fighting to establish a principle abroad which has not been applied to them at home. The obligation to see to this is as imperative on the British Government as the obligation to win the war.

The question, therefore, is: How is the Government of Mr. Lloyd George going to fulfil this obligation? If it is determined to do it in the right manner, it must be guided by one consideration, and one consideration only, namely, the real interests of the people of Ireland. We are living in times of elemental swiftness and change, in which the old methods of drift and opportunism are doomed to failure. The English people must give to Ireland the Home Rule that is her due and that happiness which is their imperial justification. What is the guidance that Government may rely on in the fulfilment of their task, from the report of the Convention which has just finished its labour? All those who have carefully read through the rather disjointed summary of the report that Reuter has cabled to this country will come to one conclusion only, and that is this, that the labour of the most representative body of Irishmen ever brought together has strengthened the hands of a British Government anxious to do the right thing by Ireland to an extent which no previous British Government had ever experienced. True, Ulster is still recalcitrant, but anyone who has carefully studied the Irish question has known that from the very beginning Ulster was blocking all constructive efforts and the report of the Convention makes only too evident what has been an open secret, that but for the remarkable patience of the President and the earnestness and the generosity of the Nationalist members and those intellectually associated with a happy Ireland, the Convention would long ago have dissolved in hopeless confusion. As one sees the prospect in Ireland, there is no hopeful alternative to the Dominion solution and, as Sir Horace Plunkett says, the Nationalists made out a strong case for this solution. Ulster, however, opposed it as it has opposed any form of autonomy. The Nationalists, as Sir Horace pathetically observes, strove hard to win them by concessions, but the representations of the "black North" would accept none of the schemes that were discussed and "the only scheme of Irish Government they presented to the Convention was confined to the exclusion of their entire province." In obedience to the Premier's appeal for an agreement the Nationalists accepted considerable modifications of the Dominion Constitution. They agreed to leave customs and excise with the Imperial Government, provided they were dealt with within seven years after the war, though they insisted that an arrangement should be made for the joint, instead of a purely Imperial, control of the police and postal services during the war, and they accepted a Joint Exchequer Board. They went farther in their concessions than might have been expected, with the result that they secured the adherence of all Southern Unionists and five out of seven Labour delegates, to a scheme of self-government in which Ulster was guaranteed forty per cent. of the membership of the lower house. And Sir Horace Plunkett is happy to announce that "notwithstanding the difficulties with which we were surrounded a larger measure of agreement has been reached upon the principle and details of Irish self-government than has ever yet been attained."

Ulster alone remains obdurate because Ulster dreads the loss of its present power which implies perpetuation of injustice to the rest of Ireland and it has recorded the opinion that "Home Rule would only intensify the existing divisions in Ireland, prove a constant menace to the Empire and make future federalism impossible." Thus the old malignant influence of the Belfast ascendancy party, which has learnt nothing from the war and which has poisoned the history of Ireland for generations, whose rebel movement, carried out under the leadership of Sir Edward Carson, is the source of all the tragedies of the past four years, presents the only obstacle to a satisfactory solution. The Government have one plain and instant duty to perform. It is to put into operation the demands of the overwhelming majority of the Irish people. The Premier, refering to the fact that the Convention's report has been reached by a majority, expressed his fear that a majority was insufficient to enable the Government to say it represented a substantial agreement. That is a position which cannot be accepted. After all, no legislation would be possible if it were a pre-condition to every Act of Parliament that it must be approved before its passage into law by every section of the community. In a democratic country the majority must rule subject to due safeguarding of the interests of the minority. Ulster has been tolerated long enough. It has been allowed to bring Ireland to the brink of disaster and the claims of the Allies into scorn and contempt. The Premier has emphasised that the cause of the Allies is more Ireland's than England's. When, therefore, the principle of self-determination is at issue, British statesmanship must not falter in their devotion to the cause of Home Rule in Ireland. If Ulster will not bring her share to the work of conciliation, the Government, according to their pledge, have to impose a settlement of their own, and it is clear that it cannot be partition. It is gratifying, to judge from the forecast of the Home Rule Bill given by the "Daily Telegraph," that the Government have decided to fulfil their pledge in the only manner in which it can honourably be fulfilled.

Notes of the Day.

The Cotton Situation.

The downward tendency in the Cotton Market is continuing, with increased momentum. Yesterday American futures were again 180 points down, equal to Rs. 50 in Bombay. On Monday the price of Broach Fine in Bombay for May delivery was Rs. 720. Yesterday it had declined to 680 and there were no buyers. On Monday Broach Good for April delivery was 704. Yesterday it was 680. Since Monday prices in Broach District have dropped heavily, and cotton can be brought down to Bombay at a net cost of Rs. 650. Such is the situation, yet we find the Bombay Cotton Trade Association and the Cotton Exchange pathetically holding on to a rate for Broach Good which is Rs. 2 above what was considered a fair maximum on April 4th and quoting alongside the heavily declining prices in other descriptions, their arbitrary rate of Rs. 712 for Broach Good. In the meanwhile inspired, if ungrammatical, attempts are being made in certain quarters to impress the public with the idea that "the effect of fixing a lower rate would be adverse to the trade prosperity and would only tend to demoralise the market by facilitating Bear raids."

What Government Should Do.

The audacity of the view attempted to be set up here, takes one's breath away. The Trade Association and the Cotton Exchange "had to guard against Bear raids" and therefore recommended the Government to fix Rs. 712 as the rate, is the opinion attributed to a well-known mill-owner, who, we perceive, is a healthy Bull in disguise, when we read further on his assertion that to fix a lower rate would be "sheer injustice to the Bulls." We trust the Government in considering the matter will remember that their first duty is to the public and refuse to listen to the interested extremists on both sides. At the risk of wearying our readers we must point out once more, that it is, the duty of Government to take such action as will prevent the settlement taking place at an artificially high figure brought about by Bull speculation, and in doing that common sense demands, that they should not check or interfere with a healthy fall in the market and should fix on a *maximum only* which is properly related to the prevailing conditions of demand and supply.

Emperor Karl's Letter.

The resignation of the Austrian Premier sufficiently demonstrates—if a demonstration were necessary after the crushing manner in which M. Clemenceau has exposed Emperor Karl—that his Imperial master is a liar and that he himself is a fool or a hypocrite. If Czernin did not know of the existence of the Emperor's letter to his brother-in-law in France, the irresponsible way in which he hurled the malignant accusation against M. Clemenceau that the latter approached Austria with the inquiry as to the basis on which she was prepared to negotiate, when it was Emperor himself who had moved in the matter, shows the depth of cynicism and meanness to which the enemy politicians can descend. Apart from this, the whole affair is not without its touch of the ludicrous. For the rest, it is not surprising that the incident has created great mistrust among the Austrian population. Already the "Arbeiter Zeitung" has made a demand for the publication of the original of Emperor Karl's letter, evidencing the general view that the letter published by M. Clemenceau is a genuine one. Such a demand has naturally placed the Austrian Government in a most awkward situation which is not improved by the emphatic confidence of the "Zurich Post" that "M. Clemenceau is the victor in this heated conflict." Czernin has been made a scapegoat.

A Hoary Shibboleth.

The speech, which Lord Ronaldshay delivered in opening the Calcutta Branch of the Tata Industrial Bank, while it emphasised certain commonplaces, was marked by a characteristic omission. Lord Ronaldshay emphasised that financial resources, labour, skilled and unskilled, communication, capital, form the foundations of the industrial expansion of a country. Dealing especially with capital, he indulged in the favourite homily on the hoarded wealth of India. The picture of the vast masses of India "burying rupees in stockings" still seems to haunt the imagination of some people. Lord Ronaldshay should have known better than to succumb to the temptation of repeating this exploded shibboleth. But an intimate knowledge of the condition of the people, a section of whom he "rules," is not among his Lordship's strong points. The bulk of the population in this country is very poor. It may be agreed that there is room for greater expansion of the circulation of what little wealth the country possesses, but this will not come without state aid for industry. Lord Ronaldshay omitted to refer to this important essential.

Defecting the Law.

The legislature has done all it could to relieve an oppressed public from the tyranny of its landlords by enacting the new Rent Act. But no legislation, however beneficent in its intentions, can succeed unless the courts administering the law so construe and interpret its provisions as effectually to carry out the object intended to be achieved by its enactment. Our attention has been drawn to a case decided only yesterday by the Second Judge of the Small Causes Court. Plaintiffs, mother and son, sought to eject the defendant from a room occupied by him as their tenant on the fourth floor of a house at Champa Gully. In the ordinary course the application should have been thrown out under the provisions of the new Act, but it was urged on plaintiffs' behalf that the premises were required for the use of a brother who was returning from Calcutta. In cross-examination by defendant's vakil, it was however admitted by the first plaintiff that the brother had returned about a month ago and was staying at Borivli. The Act distinctly states that no order for recovery of possession of any premises shall be made unless, among other grounds, *bona fide* required by the landlord for his own occupation, etc. The facts as disclosed at the hearing threw an interesting sidelight on the ways of Bombay landlords and, far from establishing the landlords' *bona fides*, proved the reverse with positive certainty, and yet the unfortunate tenant was given only a month's time to vacate—a period even shorter than what would have been allowed in an ordinary suit before the passing of the new Act.

Facts of the Case.

On 13th December, 1917, by a post card of that date, the defendant was given an unconditional notice to quit. On 11th January, 1918, a letter was sent to the defendant, again asking him to vacate at the end of the following month and stating further, that in the event of his not vacating, rent would be charged at the rate of Rs. 30 per month instead of Rs. 16 as before. If agreeable to this offer, defendant was invited to come and sign a writing in the landlord's presence or else to vacate the premises. On 2nd February, 1918, defendant was served with a third notice to quit, but this time by a lawyer. The opening para. stated "My client says that you are creating nuisance on the premises and, taking advantage of the fact that one of my clients is a female and the other does not keep proper health, you are insulting and ill-treating them without any reason whatsoever. My client also states that you are proving troublesome to other tenants." This letter also wound up with the usual requisition to vacate after a month. At the hearing of the suit there was a complete change of front and the tenant was sought to be ousted on the ground that the premises were required for the landlord's use, a plea which, strangely enough, found acceptance with the Court, notwithstanding the admitted fact that two other rooms on the same floor have been lying vacant for the last two months and defendant even offered to move into one of these. It passes one's understanding how such a transparent and thinly-veiled case could not be seen through by the Court. One might have looked to the Acting Chief Judge to set the matter right in appeal but, we understand, that the Full Court has no jurisdiction in matters of ejectment.

Official and Personal.

Mr. Thomas Smith of the Muir Mills, Cawnpore, has been elected to represent the Upper India Chamber of Commerce on the U. P. Legislative Council.

The Governor of Bengal and party left Calcutta on Monday by special train for Darjeeling.

Dr. Venis, C.I.E., Principal, Sanskrit College, Benares, died at Nainital on Sunday night.

U. S. WAR SECRETARY'S REVIEW.

PROBABILITY OF OFFENSIVE IN ITALY.

WASHINGTON, April 15.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., April 16.

The War Secretary's weekly review says the enemy is waging battle to achieve victory. His sole aim, to-day, is the annihilation of the British armies. Thus the terrain counts but little and if the enemy can muster driving power he will continue the assaults. The probability of an enemy offensive in Italy, as soon as the weather is favourable, is increasing.

ANGLO-JAPANESE TROOPS AT VLADIVOSTOK.

NO ASSURANCE GIVEN FOR WITHDRAWAL.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, April 15.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., April, 16.

Lord Robert Cecil stated in the House of Commons that no assurance had been given that the British and Japanese troops would be withdrawn from Vladivostok as soon as order was restored but he hoped the incident would soon be closed.

Replying to Mr. Lees Smith, Lord Robert Cecil said the recent Reuter message that British and American officers reported that the rumours of the arming of prisoners in Siberia were greatly exaggerated was substantially correct.

CONSCRIPTION IN IRELAND,

DEBATE IN COMMONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, April 15.
Recd. 11-35 a.m., April 16.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law refused the Nationalist request for an additional day's discussion of the proposal to apply compulsion to Ireland.

Sir Auckland Geddes stated that the Government was determined to enforce the principle that no man over the present military age should be taken for service, if the situation could be met by calling up men of the present military age. The age of 25 had been selected for a clean cut in the Civil service because above 25 men were really indispensable from the point of view of war effort. This did not mean that civil servants over 25 were not being released as rapidly as possible.

Certain Government offices were considering the desirability of releasing all men fit for general service up to 53.

IRELAND'S MAN-POWER.

CONTRIBUTION OF RECRUITS MENTIONED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, April 15.
Recd. 11-35 a.m., April 16.

Mr. Macpherson declined in the public interest to state the number of troops in Ireland. Up to November 30th. Ulster had contributed over 58,000 recruits and the rest of Ireland over 65,000.

PARCELS FOR WAR PRISONERS IN TURKEY.

TRANSMISSION STOPPED FOR NON-RATIFICATION OF BERNE AGREEMENT

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, April 12.
Recd. 2-20 p.m. April 16.

In the House of Commons Mr. G. F. Hope stated that the transmission of parcels for war prisoners in Turkey had been stopped since March on the ground of congestion of traffic. The Government was informed that the stoppage was not likely to continue much longer but proposed to take action in order to end it and prevent stoppages in future.

Turkey had not yet ratified the Berne agreement but the Government could not believe that Turkey would not ratify it as it was equally beneficial to the Turkish as to the British war prisoners.

Information from various sources tended to show that the treatment of British prisoners in Turkey had become somewhat better recently but they were suffering great hardships owing to the economic conditions in Turkey.

GERMAN LOSSES.

SEMI-OFFICIAL EMWS AGENCY'S ESTINATE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
AMSTERDAM, April 15.
Recd. 8-5 a.m., April 16.

It is significant that the "Wolff Bureau." a semiofficial German news agency, has felt compelled to issue a statement regarding the German losses. It emphasises that the majority of the wounded are walking cases and reiterates that the losses are normal for such big operations.

RACING IN ENGLAND.

NO REASON NO STOP PRESENT LIMITED PROGRAMME.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, April 15.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., April, 16.

In the House of Commons Mr. Lambert asked whether in view of the intense struggle in France it was proposed to permit horse-racing in the United Kingdom. Mr. Macpherson replied that the Government did not consider that there was any reason to stop the present limited programme of racing which was considered necessary in order to maintain the important industry of horse breeding.

SECRET SITTING OF CANADIAN PARLIAMENT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
OTTAWA, April 16.
Recd. 0-10 a.m., April 17.

The House of Commons has decided to hold a secret sitting on Wednesday to discuss the situation on the Western Front. Senators will attend.

STRUGGLE AROUND NEUVE EGLISE.

ENEMY EFFORT TO TAKE BALLEUL.

GERMAN INFANTRY DRIVEN BACK N.-W. OF MERVILLE.

BATTLE FOR HANGARD.

There has been severe struggle throughout Sunday and Monday around Neuve Eglise where big forces are engaged on both sides as also north-west of the Merville sector where no less than seven enemy attacks were repulsed. We subsequently withdrew from the position at Neuve Eglise. The attacks against the Messines Ridges were smashed by the British. In the fighting on Monday morning near Hangard the British position was improved.

Owing to the strategic importance of its position Hangard has been the scene of bitterest engagements since Friday and the village has since changed hands by attacks and counter-attacks more than twice. The hill dominating the village was captured by the Germans but was retaken by the French.

Givenchy and Frestubert are being heavily shelled by the enemy. So far all enemy attempts to take Bailleul have failed.

The latest cable says that the enemy has taken Bailleul.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 15, 1-25 p.m.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., April 16.

A British communiqué says there was severe fighting all day yesterday around Neuve Eglise. After beating off numerous attacks, we finally were compelled to withdraw a second time from the village. Strong enemy attacks in the afternoon were made at a number of other points of the battle-front.

There was fierce fighting north-west of Merville where the German infantry were driven back with great loss. The hostile infantry, advancng along the northern bank of the Lys canal, was caught by our artillery fire and unable to develop the attack.

SEVEN ENEMY ATTACKS REPULSED.

No fewer than seven enemy attacks were made during the day in the Merville sector, but all were repulsed with heavy loss. In one case the enemy advanced to assault in five waves and under the weight of this attack, the line bent slightly back, but counter-attack completely restored it.

Parties of the enemy southward of Bailleul, temporarily penetrated our positions but were driven out and the line restored. During a successful minor operation at night, eastward of Robecq, we took 150 prisoners.

Fighting occurred this morning in the neighbourhood of Hangard, where we improved our position and took a number of prisoners.

The hostile artillery was active in the neighbourhood of Bucquoy.

ARTILLERY FIRE AT NEUVE EGLISE.

PILES OF GERMAN DEAD NEAR BAILLEUL.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

LONDON, April 16.
Recd. 10-40 p.m., April 16.

The brilliant performance of British against overwhelming hordes of Germans continue to form the theme of correspondents' narratives. It appears that Neuve Eglise was not taken by assault but by artillery fire. The evacuation was preceded by some of the most desperate fighting of the war. The Germans at first vainly tried the familiar enveloping tactics and then tried to rush the place. The enemy broke into the ruined streets and met small parties of Wiltshires and Worcesters and a terrible hand-to-hand struggle ensued in the backyards of the ruined houses and cellers. The enemy was several times cleared out from most of the town and the British were holding out in the hollow square under the heavy fire of shells, trench mortars and machineguns. The enemy still continued the savage onslaught but failed to carry the town by assault. Eventually, the British retreated out of the hole of shell fire unknown to the enemy who are now undergoing the same ordeal. The British between Merris and Wytschete have hitherto withstood battalions of special shock troops and Alpinists who have been ordered to take Bailleul at all costs. These have suffered heavily and the dead are lying piled up below the railway embankment near Bailleul. Waves of Germans were mown down by machineguns. While there is no attempt to conceal the fact that the situation is still serious it is pointed out that German progress is vastly slower and such offensives rarely regain their original momentum.

Colonel Repington opines that our strategical position is not exactly brilliant but estimates that a quarter of the entire German forces on British front have been used up while General Foch's French reserves have not yet given any sign of life.

The "Daily News" expert estimates enemy losses at 400,000.

KAISER PRESENT AT ATTACK ON ARMENTIERES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, April 15.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., April, 16.

The Kaiser was present at the attack on Armentieres.

BATTLE CONTINUES NEAR BAILLEUL.

ENEMY EFFECTIVELY ENGAGED ON LABASSEE-ESTAIRES ROAD.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 15, 10-20. p.m.
Recd. 2-20 p.m. April 16.

A British communiqué says fighting occurred this afternoon in the neighbourhoods of Bailleul and Wulverghem and continues. The hostile artillery was active between Givenchy and Robeck. Our artillery effectively engaged bodies of infantry on the La-Bassee-Estaires road.

ENEMY'S FAILURE TO REACH OBJECTIVE REPEATED

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 16.
Recd. 4-30 p.m., April 16.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters telegraphing last evening said:

The enemy has not yet been brought to a standstill in the Flanders battle. His re-occupation of Neuve Eglise and the desperate struggle to advance towards Bailleul show that the enemy is able and willing to continue to pay an appalling price in the attempts to crush the British army. On the contrary every hour the strength of the defence is increasing and the enemy's failure to reach the final objective in the Somme battle is being repeated to-day in Flanders.

The enemy's programme was to reach Kemmel on the 10th April. He is only three miles from the Kemmel Ridge but to-day he is no nearer than on Friday since when reinforcements have been flung across the Germans' path.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT AGAINST BAILLEUL EXPECTED.

Interesting details of the German losses are coming in. The Seventeenth Division and the Seventeenth Reserve Division on the 11th April got terrible gruelling and were forced to retire upon the starting point. A prisoner of the Fifty-second Reserve Division reluctantly paid a tribute to the magnificent fighting of the British machine-gunners who on the 23rd March reduced the prisoner's company to half its strength. This prisoner was 43. He came from Germany with a draft of 500 the greater proportion of whom were Landsturmers over 35 years and the remainder were lads of eighteen or nineteen.

Since the recapture of Neuve Eglise the enemy has not attempted to push on and is reported to be preparing another thrust against Bailleul. The weather is grey and the visibility poor. The ground is dry and there is an east wind.

ARTILLERY DUEL IN HANGARD-EN SANTERRE.

ENEMY DISPERSED NEAR DEMUIN BY FRENCH.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 16, 1-15 a.m.
Recd. 4-30 p.m. April 16.

Last night's French communiqué said:—The artillery duel has been very violent in the region of Hangard-en-Santerre. Our artillery dispersed enemy assemblages on the outskirts of Demuin. There was lively cannonading in the sector of Avocourt.

BRITISH SMASH ATTACKS AGAINST MESSINES RIDGE.

BITTEREST STRUGGLE FOR NEUVE EGLISE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 15.
Recd. 8-5 a.m., April 16.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, wiring to-day, speaks of the enormous losses indicted on the enemy in yesterday's fighting especially by machine-guns at a close range. We smashed the attacks against the Messines ridge. The bitterest struggle was for Neuve Ealise where big forces on both sides were engaged. The situation hereabouts to-day is obscure but our guns were reported to be shelling the ruins of the place this morning, which suggests that the enemy has again gained a footing there and that we are counter-attacking.

Prisoners say the effort to take Bailleul will be renewed. We have retaken the hamlet of Reizuvinage, 3.000 yards east of Robeck.

Givenchy and Festubert have been heavily shelled.

GREAT BATTLE FOR HANGARD.

FRENCH BATTALION COMMANDER'S HEROISM.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

LONDON, April 15.
Recd. 2-40 p.m., April 16.

Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters, in a message dated 14th., says one of the bitterest engagements of the great battle was fought on Friday for Hangard, a position of importance north of the road from Noyon to Amiens. The Germans thrice attacked hoping to thrust a wedge between the French and the British armies and obtain the mastery of the Amiens road. The village was taken and retaken, taken again by the Germans and rescued a second time by the French just in time to save the remnants of the garrison.

In the great battle of the 4th, the village was gallantly held by a battalion against furious onslaughts. The hill dominating the village was captured by the Germans but retaken by the French.

HEROIC HOLDING FOR 10 HOURS.

The Germans on 9th fought their way into the village after all night fighting from house to house but were driven out. On Friday the Germans again attacked and surrounded the village. A battalion commander fortified himself in the house and held out from eight in the morning until six in the evening. He telegraphed to Headquarters:

"I am surrounded but still holding out. Make haste."

The last message read "The enemy is about to attack". It was then six in the evening and a few minutes later he and his men were taken prisoners. A counter-attack by the French and the British was completely successful; hundreds of Germans were captured and all the French defenders except two rescued.

SUCCESSFUL FRENCH RAIDS.

FAILURE OF ENEMY ATTEMPTS NEAR CHEMIN-DES-DAMES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PARIS, April 15.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., April, 16.

A French communiqué says we took ten prisoners in a perfectly successful minor operation in the region of Hangard where we have taken 150 prisoners since the 12th. We made several raids between Montdidier and Noyon and south of Mont Tetu in the Champagne, and brought back prisoners. Enemy attempts north of Chemin-des-Dames and south of Corbeny were unsuccessful.

SPLENDID EFFECT OF FIELD-MARSHAL HAIG'S APPEAL.

BRAVERY OF OUR TROOPS EULOGISED IN PRESS.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

LONDON, April 13.
Recd. 3-40 p.m., April 16.

Field-Marshal Haig's brave and moving appeal to the troops has profoundly stirred the nation as indicating that the struggle has reached a point that may even be decisive in the war. It forms the text of articles in the papers urging that every man and woman in these islands should take it to heart, while breathing confidence that the noble armies which have already proved their mettle will leave nothing undone that men can do and that with the French hurrying to their aid they will yet save the day.

SUPREME COURAGE OF OUR TROOPS.

Correspondents add little to Reuter's account of the heroic British fighting but the details they give emphasise the supreme courage with which small bodies held on to posts, sometimes isolated and sometimes thinly in touch with other bodies, all the time inflicting bloody losses. The Ninth and Fifty-first Divisions are prominently mentioned in these accounts.

The feats of the Liverpool Battalion and other Lancashire troops, the Durham Light Infantry, the Royal Scots, the Royal Scottish Fusiliers, the Black Watch and the Gordons, though singled out for special mention, were but representative of the conduct of the whole army. Particular praise is accorded to the fighting at the Messines Ridge of the Scots, and the south Africans, "The Times" mentioning the latter in an editorial article. Their conduct on Thursday it describes as just as fine as on Wednesday when their counter-attack recovered the ridge. In spite of losses on Thursday they thrust back the Germans from the high ground of the ridge to the Messines-Wytschaets road and held them there against repeated counter-attacks.

DESPERATION OF FIGHTING.

A dramatic glimpse of the desperation of fighting is afforded by an eipsode in which the Headquarters Staff of the two brigades opposing Bernhardi's troops at the River Lawe, plunged into the struggle with rifles and where one General led his orderlies into the fray.

Emphasising the gravity of the position, some papers point out that the enemy is now only 30 miles from Dunkirk and forty from Calais, while apparently the positions at the Messines Ridge have been turned and the whole of the northern army's communications imperilled.

Other papers are a little more hopeful and point out that the more German divisions that are engaged the easier will be Marshal Foch's task. They state that it is still too soon to assume that a direct thrust in the north for the Channel ports, has become the enemy's major operation.

Increased activity of the German artillery astride the Somme points to the renewal of the contest on a larger scale. "The Times" states that General Plumer commands the northern Army and the ground is thoroughly familiar to him.

WAR CABINET EXPLAINS.

HOME RULE MISSION "UNCALLED FOR."

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

SIMLA, April 16.

In connection with the recent decision of his Majesty's Government that passports must be refused to Home Rule and Congress delegates wishing to proceed to England, the following communication received from the Secretary of State is published for general information:—

The question of passports for Home Rule and Congress delegates came again before the Cabinet to-day. The Cabinet have reaffirmed the decision that in the existing circumstances none of the Home Rule delegates can be allowed to proceed to this country. It is considered by his Majesty's Government that the journey on which these persons have embarked was uncalled for, and the purpose of it lacking in any sufficient justification. It was proposed by these persons at a period when the Secretary of State himself was in India, for the purpose of ascertaining the views of every section of the community, when his conclusions were still unknown and had not yet been submitted to his Majesty's Government, to come to England in the avowed role of agitators, to start an uncompromising propaganda in favour of a Home Rule of their own. Such a proceeding at any time would be improper. Under existing circumstances when the country is waging a great war and is confronted with a crisis of the greatest magnitude which calls for supreme concentration of national effort and so far as is possible the suspension of purely political agitation and platform controversy in whatever interest, it is one in which the Government could not acquiesce. Further the generous intentions of his Majesty's Government which have already been demonstrated by the pronouncement of the Secretary of State in Parliament and his visit to India would be seriously compromised, and might be fatally impaired if an attempt were made before or at the very moment when they were considering his report, to force their hands by a premature and possibly harmful propaganda. It is with great regret that his Majesty's Government are compelled to give this decision. But they have no alternative.

BRITISH BOMBARD OSTEND AND ZEEBRUGGE.

CAPTURE OF A SMALL BRITISH MOTOR BOAT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 14.
Recd. 2-20 p.m. April 16.

A German communiqué says British monitors, destroyers and aeroplanes during the night of the 12th. attacked the coast of Flanders, bombarded Ostend and bombed Zeebrugge. German batteries repulsed the attacks of an enemy destroyer which approached Ostend. It was set on fire, abandoned and captured with full equipment.

The British Admiralty says with reference to the above that a small motor boat is missing and that the relatives of the crew have been informed.

SUBMARINE BOMBARDMENT OF MONROVIA.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

MORNVIA, April 15.
Recd. 2-15 p.m. April 16.

The submarine bombardment was resumed on the 10th. Adequate steps have been taken to protect the Liberians.

HEROISM OF FIFTY-FIFTH DIVISION.

MISCALCULATIONS OF GERMAN STAFF.

A SIX DAYS' ENGAGEMEN T

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 15, 3-55 p.m.,
Recd. 11-10 p.m., April 16.

A supplementary despatch from Field-Marshal Haig says: The Fifty-fifth division and the West Lancashire Territorials on 9th April were holding a front of 6,000 yards from La Bassee Canal to southward of Richebourglavone where the line joined to Portuguese. The enemy's attack on the southern portion of this front was delivered by all the three regiments of the Fourth Ersatz Division well up to strength. A captured Divisional Order from the General Staff of this division dated 6th April shows the objectives, the ground, and the British position in the triangle of Givenchy-Festubert-Gorre. The following passages are of special interest:—

"In our attack three regiments will be opposed by at most six companies in front and at most two reserve battalions at Festubert and Givenchy. One battalion in the divisional reserve is southward of the La Bassee Canal in Liverpool and our powerful artillery will prevent it from participating in the fight for Festubert and Givenchy. The troops are the elements of the English Fifty-fifth division which after the engagement on the Somme lost heavily in Flanders and at Cambrai and were described by prisoners in March 1917 as a division fit to hold a quiet sector, that is below the average quality."

The above orders was distributed to all the officers and under-officers of the Fourth Ersatz down to platoon commanders, presumably with a view to encouraging the troops prior to the attack and in the belief that the opposition would not be very serious. If such was the expectation the enemy was most signally disappointed. The Fifty-fifth division throughout early morning of 9th beat off all attacks in the forward zone and maintained the line intact, and when later German infantry had broken through the Portuguese on its left, the division formed a defensive flank facing north-east on Givenchy-Festubert line to the neighbourhood of Lietouret. It maintained this line practically unchanged until relief, through six days of almost continual fighting during which it beat off repeated attacks with heaviest losses to enemy and took prisoners nearly a thousand.

At one time on 9th April the enemy entered Givenchy and Festubert but both were shortly afterwards regained by the Fifty-fifth as the result of a highly successful counter-attack in which several hundreds of Germans were captured and all further attempts to carry these positions broke down before the Fifty-fifth's resolute defence. Though the enemy on 11th April succeeded in entering the post northward of Festubert, he was thrown out and on the night of 12th the Fifty-fifth improved its position in this neighbourhood. The enemy next afternoon heavily bombarded the whol of the Fifty-fifth's front between the Gorre and the Lawe Canal and attacked in strength. He was again repulsed with heavy loss by the most gallant and successful defence of the division he had been pleased to describe as consisting of second class troops.

MAN-POWER BILL.

PASSES THROUGH COMMITTEE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 16.
Recd. 4-30 p.m. April 16.

In the House of Commons the Man-Power Bill passed through the Committee Stage after speeches by Mr. Asquith, Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Devlin, all of whom criticised the manner of the application of the Bill to Ireland.

The Government conceded a number of points regarding tribunals.

Reuter understands that the Home Rule Bill will be such a moderate measure that the Ulsterites, notwithstanding their past declarations, are likely to accept it as a piece of war legislation.

In the House of Commons, in the committee of the Man-Power Bill, Sir George Cave announced that the Government was willing to withdraw conscription from the ministers of religion.

SERIOUS GOVERNMENT POSITION.

LABOUR OPPOSE CONSCRIPTION WITHOUT HOME RULE IN IRELAND.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 15.
Recd. 2-20 p.m. April 16.

The "Daily News" says that a serious Government position developed during the week-end. The Labour Party opposed conscription in Ireland without Home Rule and therefore the Labour Ministers are considering the position. It is understood that Mr. Barnes is in complete disagreement on the matter.

GERMANS ENTER HELINGFORS

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 15.
Recd. 0-10 a.m., April 17.

A wireless German official message says:—Troops and naval detachments in Finland after a vigorous encounter with armed bands entered Helsingfors.

LATEST CABLES

ENEMY TAKE BAILLEUL.

AFTER FIERCE AND BITTER STRUGGLE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 16th, 12-50 p.m.
Recd. 1-40 a.m. April 17.

In this afternoon's communiqué Field-Marshal Haig says: The enemy last night launched a very heavy attack preceded by intense bombardment between Bailleul and Neuve Eglise. Three picked German divisions who had not been previously engaged in battle delivered the assault and after a fierce and bitter struggle carried the high ground south-eastward and eastward of Bailleul known as Mont de Lille and the Revelsberg. We have fallen back to new positions northward of Bailleul and Wulverghem. Bailleul fell into the enemy's hands. Fresh German attacks are developing this morning in the neighbourhood of Wytschaete. We repulsed an attack under cover of heavy artillery and trench-mortar fire south-westward of Vieux-berquin. We took prisoners in successful minor enterprise south-eastward of Robecq.

SINN-FEINERS AND HOME RULE.

WHY THEY ABSTAINED FROM CONVENTION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

NEW YORK, April 15.
Recd. 2-15 p.m. April 16.

The "New York Times," commenting on Sir Horace Plunkett's letter, says the Sinn Feiners chose to abstain from the Convention ostensibly wanting a republic grotesquely initiated under German auspices. It remains the fashion to delabour the English because, the Irish cannot decide what sort of Government they want.

HOME RULE BILL BEING PREPARED.

NO MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

LONDON, April 16.
Recd. 0-10 a.m., April 17.

The Labour Minister's interview with Mr. Lloyd George had a satisfactory result. No crisis occurred and it is reported that statements about resignations are unfounded.

The Home Rule Bill is being prepared as rapidly as possible by a sub-committee including Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Duke, Mr. Barnes and Sir Gordon Hewart.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN WAR CABINET?

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 16.
Recd. 0-10 a.m., April 17.

"The Times" says Mr. Chamberlain has been included in the Committee drafting the Home Rule Bill and suggests that he has joined the War Cabinet.

WHY CZERNIN RESIGNED.

SEQUEL TO PUBLICATION OF ALSACE-LORRAINE LETTER.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 15.
Recd. 8-5 a.m., April 16.

While internal reasons also contributed to Czernin's resignation, the immediate and chief cause was the publication of Emperor Karl's letter, which made Czernin's position very difficult. Apparently, Czernin did not know of the existence of this letter which, in spite of the allegations of falsification, is everywhere accepted as genuine.

EFFECT OF CZERNIN INCIDENT.

"M. CLEMENCEAU IS THE VICTOR."

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

ZURICH, April 16.
Recd. 2-15 p.m. April 16.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" states that the Czernin incident has caused a great mistrust among the population which is aggravated by the nature of the explanation.

The "Arbeiter Zeitung" demands the publication of the original of Emperor Karl's letter.

The "Zurich Post" says M. Clemenceau is the victor in this heated conflict.

GEN. FOCH'S APPOINTMENT

APPROVED ON ALL SIDES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 16.
Recd. 0-10 a.m., April 17.

General Foch's appointment has been received with universal satisfaction. Indeed it is regarded as an imperative necessity after recent events to have all armies under single control, thus avoiding the system of watertight compartments. The French pay a tribute to the generous action of Britain.

MARSHAL FOCH'S WIDEST POWERS.

ACTIONS NOT TO BE QUESTIONED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PARIS, April 15.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., April, 16.

It is now officially announced that Marshal Foch is appointed Generalissimo of all the Allied armies in France. The respective Governments have given Marshal Foch the widest powers in order that he may act and his actions will not be questioned. Thus an absolutely united Anglo-France-American army is constituted.

AYURVEDIC AND UNANI CONFERENCE.

REQUEST FOR A PLOT OF LAND.

REFUSED BY BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

A meeting of the Bombay Improvement Trust was held yesterday, Mr. J. P. Orr presiding, when consideration was given to a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Ayurvedic and Unani Conference, for a plot of land measuring 30,000 square yards on the Marine Lines Maidan. The plot was wanted for two months, for the purposes of the Conference exhibition and sideshows. The Chairman said the area asked for was double that given to the Congress. There would not be one big tent only, but there would be sideshows, and they might disturb the people living near the maidan.

Sir Dinshaw Wacha said the land was required for an exhibition which had an educative value; they were going to have an Ayurvedic and Unani College in Delhi, the foundation-stone of which had been laid by Lord Hardinge.

Mr. Chunilal Mehta said they could let them have the land, provided there were no sideshows, but only the Conference and the exhibition.

Mr. Cowasji Jehangir said they should only give so much land as was given for the Congress pandal, and not more.

Sir Sassoon J. David said he was of the opinion that no sideshows should be allowed, and that the land should be vacated within one month. The land was required for public purpose, and he saw no objection to its being granted to the applicants.

REQUEST OPPOSED.

Mr. A. H. Whyte said it was not required for public purposes. It was only a Unani Conference.

Sir Sassoon said it was a public purpose, as the system was used by the public.

Mr. Mehta said more than ninety per cent. of the population were taking Ayurvedic medicines.

Sir Dinshaw Wacha said he knew whenever a plot was asked for by Indians there were all sorts of objections raised, and the European members of the Board always carried their own point.

The Chairman then framed a resolution granting 15,000 square yards of land for the purposes of the Conference and exhibition only, the land to be returned within one month. He said the cricket clubs who used the land would feel a great deal of inconvenience by being deprived of the playground.

Sir Sassoon said the clubs were not playing there always, and so the inconvenience would not amount to much.

MORE OPPOSITION.

Sir H. A. L. Hepper moved an amendment saying that the Board were unable to grant the request.

Sir Dinshaw Wacha said he saw no reason for this sort of amendment. The land was required for an educative purpose, and should be given to the Conference.

Sir H. A. L. Hepper said every member had a right to his opinions, and he thought the land should not be handed over to the Conference.

Sir Dinshaw said he knew it for certain that the Board always took an antagonistic attitude towards things Indian. He knew it absolutely for so many years, and it was no use denying it.

The amendment was then passed, the original proposition being rejected.

BARODA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WORK OF VILLAGE PANCHAYATS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

BARODA, April 16.

The second sessions of the Representative Assembly was held in the Council Hall. The Dewan's opening address referred to the heavy plague mortality in the last eight months, exhorted all to do their best to improve town and village sanitation, emphasised their duty to supplement the State's provision of medical relief, pointed out the necessity of opening maternity hospitals in towns and providing villages with trained midwives to prevent heavy mortality of children and women in labour and dwelt upon the responsibilities of local bodies. The President regretted that the local bodies did not evince much interest in the dispensation of cheap justice, and expressed satisfaction that all the panchayats asked for powers to tax the people. The Mysore Act made obligatory half a day's personal labour per week on each family for village improvement. Baroda felt the need for similar legislation. Navsari wants it. Finally, he exhorted the representatives to do their best to furnish England and the Allies with men for the struggle against Germany.

After the Dewan's address six committees each consisting of three officials and four non-officials were appointed to consider suggestions by members and draft resolutions.

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, April 16.

There was some slight improvement in general tone of the market although this was not seen in actual results as there was very little business passing either in Jute, Coal or miscellaneous. There was more inquiry for Clive and Kamarhatty and a few other favourite stocks which advanced a few points during the day but there was nothing doing in coals and even industrials were difficult of sale. Following sales took place:—

Coal:—Jainty Central 14.

Jute:—Anglo-India (ord) 209; Auckland (ord) 300; Clive (ord) 195; Fort William (ord) 274; Howrah (ord) 47; Kamarhatty (ord) 504, Kanknarrah (ord) 626; Lansdowne (ord) 365; Northbrock (ord) 46-9; Reliance (ord) 49.

Miscellaneous:—Alliance Bank (pref) 103; Bank of Bengal 1,595; Bengal Brass 31-10; Britannia Biscuits 2-10 p.; Burn and Co., 6 per cent. (deb) par; Champaran Sugar 190, 191; Smith Stanistreet 105.

Rubber:—Soudai 7.70; Sungoi Watani 0.65 p.

Government paper 3½ per cent. were quoted at Rs. 66 to 66-4 and small lots were done at Rs. 66-4 to 66-8.

BOMBAY ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND TRAMWAYS CO.

MR. RAHIM VALLY PEERMAHOMED'S REJOINDER.

With reference to the letter addressed to Mr. Rahim Vally Peermahomed by Mr. F. C. Rimington, Managing Director of the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Co., Ltd., which appeared in our yesterday's issue, we are given to understand that Mr. Rahim Vally has sent the following reply to Mr. Rimington:—

Bombay, 15th April, 1918.

To,

F. C. RIMINGTON, Esq.,
Managing Director,
Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Co., Ltd., Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I have placed your letter dated 10th instant before the Committee and am instructed to reply as under:—

The Committee fail to see how their presentment of the case is in any way misleading. The facts which you think would have been brought out by the previous correspondence, are referred to in your letter of the 20th March the whole of which was published and wherein you stated "I have already pointed out in my two previous letters to you that I do not think the procedure adopted by the dissenting shareholders at that meeting was well advised or one calculated to promote the result which presumably they had in view."

No misunderstanding could possibly arise about the Chairman's regret since your letter conveying the same was printed *in extenso*.

In agreeing to close the matter dissenting shareholders had only the restoration of harmonious relations and the good of the company at heart and they had no wish to take further proceedings which might injure the interests of the Company, resting quite satisfied with having proved their assertion as correct as shown in their letter of 22nd March last.

I am to add that the Committee declines to enter into any discussion about the advice given them by their legal advisers which is always of a confidential nature.

The Committee have asked me to say that they will in the interest of the Company now treat this correspondence as closed.

Yours faithfully,

RAHIM VALLY PEERMAHOMED,
Chairman.

CATTLE TRESPASS.

NEW MEASURES TO CHECK EVIL IN THE PRESIDENCY.

The text of a Bill further to amend the Bombay District Police Act, 1890, is published. By the Bill after section 61 of the Bombay District Police Act, 1890, the following section will be inserted, namely:—

"61A. (1) Where it appears to Government, from the report of the magistrate of a district or on the representation of a local authority, that in any local area subject to the jurisdiction or control of such magistrate or authority cattle are habitually allowed to stray and that such cattle trespass on land and damage crops or other produce thereon, Government may by notification direct that the provisions of this section shall have operation in such local area.

"(2) In any local area in which this section is in operation, any person who, through neglect or otherwise, lets loose or suffers to be at large or fails to keep under proper control, between sunset and sunrise, any cattle which are his property or in his charge shall be punished with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees or, on a second or any subsequent conviction, with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with both.

"(3) Any fine imposed under this section may be recovered by sale of all or any of the cattle in respect of which the offence was committed, whether they are the property of the person convicted of the offence or were only in his charge when the offence was committed."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The object of this Bill is stated to be to provide means for checking a serious abuse by which serious damage is frequently caused in certain parts of the Presidency, particularly in Gujarat. Many persons, especially of the non-cultivating classes, keep herds of cattle which are let loose at night to feed amongst the standing crops in the neighbourhood. The owners supply little or no fodder during the day, relying on the cattle supporting themselves by their nightly foraging. This evil causes great loss to, and is greatly resented by, the cultivating classes, particularly in the neighbourhood of towns and the larger villages.

The provisions of Chapter III of the Cattle Trespass Act, 1871, are inadequate to check the evil. It is not possible to catch a sufficient number of cattle appreciably to reduce the nuisance, and even in areas to which section 26 of the Act has been extended, it is rarely possible to prove that animals belonging to a particular person have caused the damage in a particular case. The provisions of this Bill penalize the act of permitting to stray, which is an easier fact to prove, and it is therefore believed that they will afford an effective remedy.

CHEQUE DISHONOURED, DRAWER MISSING.

A furniture dealer, Cawasji Edulji Billimoria, has complained to the Police that furniture to the extent of Rs. 1,540 was ordered from his shop in Chukla on the 15th January by one Jethamal Jairam, in return for which he got a cheque on the Central Bank of India for the amount due on the 15th March. When the cheque was presented on the due date, it was dishonoured and to trace has been found of Jethamal, who has disappeared.

RAILWAY STRIKE AT BHAVNAGAR.

EMPLOYEES' DEMAND FOR INCREASED PAY.

(From a Correspondent.)

BHAVNAGAR, April 15.

The Bhavnagar Railway staff declared a strike yesterday at 6 p.m. Before this happened Mr. Gulabrai, a local vakil, and Mr. Manilal V. Kothari, pleader from Ahmedabad, approached the Dewan Saheb in the morning and represented to him the grievances and demands of the railway staff. The chief demands were:—(1) Twenty per cent. increment in the pay of the superior staff; (2) fifteen per cent. grain compensation to all; (3) certain increments in the pay of the menial staff. The Dewan Saheb treated the deputation with the utmost civility, but regretted his inability to comply with the demands without the sanction of H. H. the Maharaja Saheb, who is at Mahableshwar. He assured the deputation that H. H. the Maharaja Saheb would sympathetically consider the case and said that at the most he himself might grant some grain compensation, but that in the course of two or three days. The staff was not satisfied with this. In the evening the Dewan Saheb and the Traffic Superintendent came to the station, where the employees had assembled, but beyond giving an assurance of sympathetic consideration of their claims in course of time, he did not do anything.

The strikers are firm and they want to have their grievances redressed and demands complied with. Telegrams have been sent to Mahatma Gandhiji describing the grave situation and soliciting his assistance. It is still expected that the Railway authorities and the Dewan Saheb, in view of this grave crisis dislocating business and entailing untold hardships on traders and passengers, will lose no time in doing the needful to redress the grievances of the employees and bringing about a normal state of affairs.

As a result of the strike on the line most of the trains have ceased to run.

NATIONAL EDUCATION.

ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT TO MOVEMENT IN SIND.

(From our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, April 15.

The National Education Week organised for the collection of funds to promote national education, concluded in Karachi today. One of the attractions of the week was a three-day garden fête opened on Friday by Mr. Cousins, Vice-Principal, Madanapalli National College. It was a grand success. The cinema performance in aid of the fund brought in over Rs. 1,000. Mr. Cousins during his stay here delivered a series of lectures including one on our present educational needs, in the course of which he said that there was no truth in the notion held in some quarters that the movement for national education in India had been engineered by the "old lady" to bother the Government. As a matter of fact the movement was part and parcel of the much widespread movement that was agitating, thinking people all the world over. After two thousand years of Christian civilisation they were witnessing in the West, the ghastly spectacle of the greatest war that had ever been waged on God's fair earth and that had set people thinking whither our boasted civilisation was leading us. There was a great searching of hearts all over the world and among other things people were discovering that the system of education needed a thorough overhauling.

On his way to Karachi Mr. Cousins delivered lectures on national education at Sukkur, Shikarpur and Rohri, where Rs. 2,000 were collected for the National Education School in Upper Sind and received further promises for Rs. 60,000.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BIJAPUR.

(From a Correspondent.)

An entertainment was given to the public of Bijapur on the 13th instant, in connection with the celebration of the National Education Week. The entertainment was in the form of a Harikirtan by the well-known singer of Sholapur, Mr. Shriniwasrao Kadgaonkar. The function was a great success. The proceeds of the entertainment will go to the National Education funds. It is highly gratifying to see that the people of Bijapur, who are meeting all sorts of contributions and subscriptions along with the burden of the forthcoming Provincial Conference to be held in their city, brought to bear upon the National function much energy and enthusiasm. The success of yesterday's performance called for another performance by the same singer. The proceeds with the functions will go to the National Education funds.

NATIONAL EDUCATION LECTURES.

A series of lectures on national education were delivered during the week under the auspices of the National Education Week Society and volunteers have been making house-to-house collections.

RENUNCIATION OF LIQUOR IN THANA.

A mass meeting of the residents of Byayandar in the Taluka Salsette, District Thana, was held on the 14th instant at which it was resolved that, considering the abnormal increase in the price of liquors and the bad quality of the stuff which is highly deleterious to health, no liquors or spirits be purchased or consumed, and that a petition before the meeting, addressed to the District Collector, be signed and forwarded to that officer, requesting that the price of toddy might be reduced.

MATHERAN MUNICIPALITY.

FIRST MEETING OF NEW BOARD.

A meeting of the Municipal Board was held at Matheran on Saturday last, when the following members were present:—Lieut.-Colonel Kharegat (President), Messrs. Bejonji Chinoy, Cowasji Dadabhoy Dubash, Phirozsha Jehangir Murzban, Abdulhussein A. Peerbhoy, Cowasji Jehangir Readymoney, Rev. Father Gomes and Mr. Greaves.

The President at the outset welcomed the members and said that he would have to take some time in explaining two or three subjects. It had been alleged that he had something to do with the appointment of members nominated by the Government. That allegation was groundless. Before nominating the members the Commissioner and Collector had written him letters enquiring of the names of the members who were eligible for the membership or who were willing to be members. He had sent in a big list, out of which the Government made a selection. He therefore wanted to make it clear that he had nothing to do with the selection. It had further been mentioned in the press that some members who had no property at Matheran were also nominated by the Government, which was alleged to be irregular. It was wrong to think so. There was no provision of rules which made such a nomination illegal. Government could appoint anyone. He had to draw their attention to another subject. The Superintendent at Matheran had unfortunately to do twofold work, one was to look to the interests of the residents and the other was to look to the interests of the Government. Further, the President could not vote on the resolutions passed in the Municipal Board, and though he was not giving his votes he was being abused for the resolutions. The Superintendent had no authority outside the limits of Matheran. Regarding the complaint of cutting the trees, he had made enquiries in the matter, and he was of opinion that, looking into the way in which the trees were being cut, the forests were not getting worse or lessened, but it tended to the growth of trees and expansion of forests. Referring to the financial position the President said that in 1905 they had a balance of Rs. 42,000. The income from 1907 to 1917 amounted to Rs. 2,23,840 and the expenditure for the same period was Rs. 2,53,866, i.e., a deficit of Rs. 30,000 which had to be met with from the balance of Rs. 42,000. Thus there was a net balance of Rs. 10,000 in 1917. Great sums would have to be spent in future for building works. 18 blocks for the poor are proposed to be built in the bazaar which will accommodate 600 persons. It is estimated that each block will cost Rs. 2,000.

POWERS OF SUPERINTENDENT.

In answer to several questions put by members the President explained that at present there were four members on the Managing Committee, and half of that number, i.e., two formed a quorum. The powers that were given to the Superintendent by the Collector and Commissioner were taken away from him and vested in the president of the Municipal Board, thinking that, as the Superintendent was also the President of the Municipal Board, the Superintendent would exercise all those rights, but the then Superintendent had transferred all his powers to the Managing Committee.

Mr. Abdul Hussein Peerbhoy remarked that that was illegal and irregular. The President replied that such irregularities under the regime of the past Superintendents used to pass muster. Now that would not do. After some discussion, the proposal of Mr. Murzban to form the whole Board into a Managing Committee, seconded by Mr. Greaves, was carried.

The following were then appointed to be the members of the Schools Committee:—Messrs. Bejonji Chinoy, and Gokhale, Rev. Father Gomes and Mr. Lord.

Consideration was then given to a letter from Mr. M. M. Batliwala. The President said that Mr. Batliwala was suffering from hernia. In the consultation that Dr. Pavri had, he advised the latter to have an operation made on Mr. Batliwala either at the Bungalow or at the Hospital. Col. Kharegat was ready to make the operation, but as he had happened to make a report to the Commissioner regarding Mr. Batliwala in some matter he (Mr. Kharegat) felt that if the patient was not willing to undergo operation at his hands he (Mr. Kharegat) suggested the treatment of Col. Evans who, he learnt, was in the Rugby Hotel then. Dr. Pavri went to the Rugby Hotel but Col. Evans was not there. There was another military surgeon in the Hotel with whom Dr. Pavri made arrangements for the operation. Subsequent enquiries showed that Col. Evans was in the Elphinstone Lodge where Dr. Pavri went, and his assistance was also arranged for. They performed the operation, and Col. Kharegat rendered all the help he could. All the Hospital implements, etc., were placed at their service and the patient remained in the Hospital for 10 days. Now Mr. Batliwala refused to pay the bill of the Hospital amounting to Rs. 800.

After some discussion, the President, replying to the question of Mr. Cowasji Jehangir said that, if a suit was filed in the Courts, he was perfectly sure of recovering the amount.

Mr. Murzban said that from an interview he had with Mr. Batliwala he (Mr. Murzban) was led to believe that Mr. Batliwala was prepared to pay the bill, and he (Mr. Murzban) would make sure on that point on another interview.

Mr. Peerbhoy then proposed to hold the matter over pending the enquiry of Mr. Murzban. If the matter was not settled then, they would go to the Court. The proposal was carried.

The question of opening shops for the poor where grain and oil could be had at cheap rates was then taken up. The President said that he had received many complaints of high charges and the consequent hardships they entailed os the poor. An outlay of Rs. 4,000 per week was necessary, which would be recovered in a short time. A sum of Rs. 6,000 was therefore necessary to make a beginning. The poor people would be informed of the opening of the shops after beating the 'bataki' in bazaars. Eventually it was resolved to utilise the sum of Rs. 6,000 for the purpose.

CHARLOTTE LAKE.

Consideration was then given to the Charlotte Lake question. The President said that the Sanitary Commissioner had inspected the Charlotte Lake. The President then submitted a report of this matter to the meeting. He said that it was proposed to build gutters round the Lake wherein water from the slopes would run, as at present owing to the absence of such gutters dirty water from the slopes was flowing into the Lake, the water of which was thus getting foul. The expenditure for building the gutters would be Rs. 7,000.

In reply to the question of Mr. Readymoney whether Government would give them their help the President said that that questios would be considered at the next meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held next week. It was therefore resolved to keep the matter in abeyance.

The offer of Rs. 30 from Sir Navroji Vakil to meet the repairing charges of benches at the Points, was then considered. It was resolved to accept the sum for the repairs.

The meeting then adjourned.

TO PREVENT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

S. P. C. A.' S WORK IN 3 YEARS.

A general meeting of the Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals was held yesterday evening at the offices of the Hon. Sir Dinshaw M. Petit, Hornby Road, Sir D. M. Petit Bart., presiding.

The reports for the period covering 1914-1916 were presented to the meeting.

The chairman in moving the adoption of the reports said it would be seen from the reports that the society had done a good deal of useful work and that in addition to the cases of cruelty taken up, they took up the question of improvising some sort of bullock cart which would entail less hardship than that caused by the ones now in use. With the help of their friend Mr. Frank Harrison, they had designed a particular type of four-wheeled cart, which, they thought, would entail less hardship on the bullocks and would at the same time have a greater carrying capacity. They had a good number of such carts made at the expense of the society and had put them at the disposal of Mr. Edwardes the late Commissioner of Police, so that the latter might induce contractors to try them and report to him as to their utility. Mr. Edwardes took up the matter and the carts were used by some contracts, who reported very encouragingly. It was found that there was some difficulty with regard to the space within which a four-wheeled cart could be turned round and also with regard to the facility with which it could be loaded with heavy articles. These and other difficulties had been got over with the help of Mr. Harrison. In the meantime Mr. Edwardes had gone, and his successor Mr. Vincent, seemed to think that with the advent of motor-lorries these carts would not be used to a great extent. Sir Dinshaw continuing said, that he supposed on account of circumstances brought about by the war, Mr. Vincent did not consider it advisable to compel cartdrivers to use the new carts. For that reason these carts had not been introduced yet and they were still in the society's charge. It should be mentioned that the cost of making an ordinary bullock-cart was Rs. 90 less than that of the new device.

Another difficulty was in regard to the municipal wheel-tax chargeable to four wheeled carts under the Municipal Acts. This would be more than what the owners of two-wheeled carts had to pay.

He moved the adoption of the report which was carried.

The following gentlemen were appointed members of the Executive and General Committees of the Society and Hospital respectively:—

The Hon. Sir Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, Bart. (*President*), Gordhundas Goculdas Tejpal Esq., Jehangir Bomanjee Petit Esq., Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Bart., Sir Narayen Ganesh Chandavarkar Kt., the Hon. Mr. Chunilal V. Mehta, Mahomedbhoy Currimbhoy Esq., Velji Lukhamsi Esq., L. Blunt Esq., Frank Harrison Esq., the Hon. Mr. Manmohundas Ramjee; D. M. Colah Esq., (*Secretary and Treasurer*).

A sum of Rs. 68,400 be set apart from the funds of the Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals, and be added to the Hospital Trust Funds.

The report showed that in the year 1916, prosecutions were instituted in 5,242 cases and convictions obtained in all. The income of the society was Rs. 21,618-12-0 and the expenditure Rs. 20,921-9-6. The number of animals treated in the Hospital was 5,886. Of this 4,968 were treated as inpatients.

RATEPAYERS' CONFERENCE AT CALCUTTA.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, April 15.

A conference of ratepayers of Calcutta was held this evening at the British Indian Association, under the presidency of the Hon. Rai Sitanath Roy Bahadur to consider the Calcutta Municipal Bill. Resolutions were adopted that the Bill should be so amended as to make the Corporation the supreme authority in the municipal administration of Calcutta and that the executive head of the municipal administration be made subordinate to the Corporation.

CONTROL OF ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES IN NEW ZEALAND.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

WELLINGTON, April 16.
Recd. 4-30 p.m. April 16.

Parliament has passed the National Service provision, authorising the Government to regulate the control of all essential industries.

U. S. LABOUR PLEDGED TO SUPPORT ALLIES.

REICHSTAG RESOLUTION A CAMOUFLAGE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 15.
Recd. 11-35 a.m., April 16.

A luncheon was given to-day at the House of Commons to the representative Americans, who are touring Great Britain. The visitors declared that. Labour in the United States was pledged to support the Allied cause until Germany was beaten to her knees.

Mr. Balfour said the Central Powers now admitted that the famous Reichstag resolution foregoing war indemnities and conceding the right of self-determination was merely a camouflage. Germany now stood forth undisguised as a great robber state; her object was to make France, England and America second class Powers and to bestride the world as a great colossus, but he was confident that this would prove another of Germany's profound miscalculations.

AGREEMENT FOR USE OF DUTCHSHIPS.

TO BE RETURNED AFTER WAR.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM)

THE HAGUE, April 14.
Recd. 2-15 p.m. April 16.

The British Legation states that the requisitioned Dutch ships will be returned in good condition not later than on the completion of the voyage on which they are engaged on the day of the signature of peace treaty. The ships will sail under the British flag and the charter rate will be 350 monthly per gross ton. The British Government undertakes all the war and marine risks and if the ships are lost will, if the owners wish, replace them as soon as possible after the war, meanwhile paying six per cent. annually on the value of the lost ship.

DEATH OF SENATOR STONE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

WASHINGTON, April 15.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., April 16.

The death is announced of Senator Stone.

CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY INFANTRY.

LORD RONALDSHAY'S APPRECIATION.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, April 16.

Yesterday morning his Excellency the Governor, attended by Captain Hyde, A.D.C., motored down to the shooting range at Belgharia to see the Calcutta University Infantry encamped there practising at the butts. Sir Lancelot Sanderson, Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University, the Hon. Mr. Wordsworth, Director of Public Instruction, the Hon. Dr. D. P. Sarbadhikary, President of the University Corps Committee, and Dr. S. P. Sarbadhikari, Joint Secretary to the Corps met his Excellency on the camping ground attended by Captain Gray the officer commanding. His Excellency made a tour of inspection watching the different platoons at bayonet fighting and muskstry drills. His Excellency then went on to the range and watched the shooting. Before leaving, his Excellency addressing the officer commanding said:—"Captain Gray, I hope you will take the early oportunity of telling the men on parade how greatly pleased I am with the excellent progress they have made. I only hope that when this camp breaks up, it will be possible for them to keep up their training and maintain their efficiesy."

ATTEMPT TO CORRUPT MAGISTRATE.

RICH MARWARIS CONVICTED.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, April 16.

Mr. Das Gupta, Third Presidency Magistrate on Monday delivered judgment in the case against Srilal Chamaria and Mimraj Bania, two rich and well known Marwaris who were charged with having attempted to offer a bribe of Rs. 5,000 to Mr. A. T. Mukherjee, the Fifth Presidency Magistrate of Calcutta through his bench clerk Babu Karuna Bhusan Banerji. The magistrate, in the course of a lengthy judgment found the first accused (Srilal) guilty under sections 161 and 109, read with 116 I. P. Code and sentenced him to three months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 or two months' additional imprisonment. The second accused (Mimraj), who was convicted of aiding and abetting was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000.

At the High Court on Monday afternoon Mr. Jackson moved for bail on behalf of Srilal Chamaria before the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Beachcroft. Their Lordships granted the petitioner bail until Wednesday next by which time their Lordships understood the petitioner would file his appeal. The petitioner was directed to enter into his own recognisance for Rs. 10,000 with two sureties for Rs. 10,000 to the satisfaction of the Presidency Magistrate.

ALLEGED GAMBLING FOR "OUR DAY."

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

RANGOON, April 16.

A strong protest has been made by certain missionary organisations to the Lieutenant-Governor against alleged organised gambling carried on in Burma in connection with "Our Day" efforts for the Red Cross. They have alleged specific instances, and point out that at Pyawbwe unlimited gambling was carried on, Burmese Government officials being amongst the organisers of the Thongwa Pakokku cock fighting and gambling for a whole week.

AGRICULTURAL CRISIS IN KAIRA

MA BAP PRATT HARANGUES THE CULTIVATORS

THREATS AND CAJOLERY.

NEW DOCTRINES OF GOVERNMENT.

(From our Correspondent)

NADIAD, April 13.

The following is a full translation of the speech made by the Hon. Mr. Pratt to the cultivators of Kaira on the 12th instant

Let me request you at the outset that you will give me a patient hearing and on your return Home give my speech as wide a publicity as you can, so that it cultivators of Kaira on the 12th instant:—What I am now going to say to you is not meant for you alone, but for the whole of the District. For it is only fair to them that they should know what I say.

Mr. Gandhi (Cheers), Mahatma Gandhi (Loud cheers) and his co-workers have given you a good deal of advice. They have gone about in every village delivering speeches. To-day is our turn, pray listen to my speech and hear my advice. Mr. Gandhi and others have dwelt largely on the rights of the agriculturists. I will now tell you what those rights are. Well then, it is your right to enjoy the possession of the land you have, and to transmit it to your descendants, from generation to generation. The assessment thereon has been fixed for a period of thirty years and it is not liable to increase, during the period no matter what improvements you make or the wells you dig or the irrigated crops you grow on your land. But this right of yours has a corresponding duty attached to it. Just think for a moment what this duty is. It is to pay the assessment on your land fixed by law. It is on the proper performance of this duty that you can claim the possession and enjoyment of your lands. Your right is safe so long as you pay the assessment fixed by law.

THE RIGHTS OF GOVERNMENT.

But what is the assessment fixed by law—and who fixed it? It is the Government who does that independent of any vakil or barrister. The power to fix assessment is in the hands of Government and the officers of Government. So long as you continue to pay it you will be safe in the possession of your lands. Neither the Collector nor the Commissioner not even the Governor or Viceroy may dispossess you. It is a right for which you can fight in a civil camp and go even to the High Court. But if you fail to perform the duty corresponding to the right, the right is in danger. A servant is only entitled to his wages if he does the work allotted to him. There are two classes of servants in your villages namely servants useful to the people and servants useful to the State. Under this latter class come the Mukhis and the Matadars. They will be called servants useful to the State only if they discharge the duty entrusted to them, namely the collection of revenue assessment. If they fail to do so they cease to be useful to the State. The rights of the Matadars who thus fail will be in danger. Their hereditary rights will go. In fixing the assessment the authority of the Government is final. No civil court may entertain an application to revise the rate fixed by Government. The Government fixes the assessment after hearing any objections that the people may have to make and after full inquiry issues final orders in the matter. The rate of assessment which is then fixed no court, not even the High Court, has the power to alter. Just as there are rules governing the fixing of assessment there are also rules for allowing suspension of assessment. No rights have been given to you by law to demand suspension.

THE FINAL ARBITERS.

Then again we are the final arbiters for a legal right you may fight in a court of law. But there is no legal right here. In a lean year the officials, after taking into consideration the conditions of the crops, and the people, and after hearing what they may have to say, issue final orders and just as Government orders fixing the assessment are final so are their orders regarding suspension. Government fives this amount of suspension after giving fullest consideration to the facts that may be submitted to them and then to the applications that may be made to them in due course. But the sole authority to issue orders in the matter rests in the hands of the officials. It is not in the hands of Mr. Gandhi nor of Mr. Vallabhbhai. You may bear fully in mind that any amount of your effort in this matter is bound to be futile. My words are final orders and they are not my personal orders. But they are the orders of his Excellency Lord Willingdon. I have a letter from his Excellency in which he has been pleased to say that he would confirm whatever orders I may pass in the matter and every word that I may say. This is Lord Willingdon's letter. You may therefore understand that it is not I who say this. It is his Excellency Lord Willingdon.

PROTECTION OF THE POOR.

Mahatma Gandhi is an exceedingly good and saintly soul. And whatever advice he gives you he does with the purest of intentions and in the full consciousness that it is for your interest. His advice is that you should not pay the assessment because thereby you would safeguard the interests of the poor. That is what he says, doesn't he? He says this even now. In his yesterday's interview with me he said the same thing. When you say that the poor must be protected do you mean to say that the Government does not protect them? Is not the Government solicitous of their welfare? The duty to protect the poor—whose is it? Yours or Government's? Have we failed in it? Perhaps you have forgotten the famine of A. D. 1896. I remember it. In the year of 1896 I was the Collector of Ahmedabad. In the year 1898, I was the Collector of Godhra. What did Government do in those years? They opened many a relief work, dug many a tank and advanced *Tagavi* and thus expended lakhs of rupees. All this is still in my memory. As it should be in that of those among you who are old enough. It is against such a Government you have set up a fight in this district. A world war is waging. And the time is such that Government needs to be given all the help that is possible. What however have they been getting here? Help, is it? No, a fight instead.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE FIGHT.

While in Ahmedabad some days ago I was taking a walk on the parade maidan. I heard the sepoys taking a vow to serve the Emperor King George V bravely, faithfully and loyally. A vow quite different to this is being taken in this district. If you go on fighting with Government and neglect your duties your rights will be in danger and you will suffer all the consequences of such conduct. You know what these consequences will be, and it is you alone who will suffer them, not your advisers, the gentlemen of the Home Rule League. They have not a pie to lose. You and you alone will be the sufferers. The Home Rulers who go on advising you will not go to the jail. (A voice: Sir, if you send us, we will go). Government is merciful. But there may be some misunderstanding about its attitude. During the Passive Resistance Campaign in South Africa, Mahatma Gandhi had to go to jail. But under this Government such a thing will not happen. The rumour that was going round the town of Ahmedabad that the Mahatmaji was going to be sent to jail was false. The jail is not a fit place for him.

CHASTISEMENT WITHOUT BITTERNESS.

I repeat that Mahatma Gandhi is a most saintly character. All the penalties, *Chothais*, fines and forfeitures are not going to be on him but on you. The benign Government will be painfully forced to inflict them. And yet they will do so without any bitterness towards you. The fight of the Government is not with the agriculturists, if children kick their parents the latter are pained but not angered. And what is all this for? Why should you suffer all these penalties—fines, forfeitures, and chothais, dismemberment of *Narwa* and so forth? A very large part of the revenue has already been realised. In a very large number of villages full assessment has been paid, not a pie in arrears. No less than 80 per cent. of the full revenue has been paid. There is only a small balance left. Will you consent to submit to all these penalties for such a small amount? I do not think it would be proper if you did. Will you throw away your estates, will you throw away your *Narwas* will you not think of your wives and children. Will you consent to go to the level of labourers? And what for all this? Most of your brethren have paid in their dues, the defaulters are only a limited number. Government trusts that you will decide to follow advice different from mine only after the fullest deliberation. I have twenty-eight years of experience of administration of land revenue assessment and of land revenue legislation. Mahatma Gandhi is my friend. He has passed the greater part of his life in South Africa and has been here only two or three years. In the domain of knowledge, letters and religion he is a great authority. His advice on those subjects must be true, but in matters of administration and land revenue assessment his knowledge is limited. I claim a better knowledge.

THE VOW OF PASSIVE RESISTANCE.

I have now only a few words about your vow of Passive Resistance. I do not know how many of those present here are Passive Resisters. If Mr. Gandhi were here he would help me by asking such people to raise their hands. I wish if you don't mind you will please raise your hands (About five hundred men raised their hands). I am very glad to know that there is such a large number of Passive Resisters present here. For it is to advise them that I have come here. The total number of Passive Resisters is probably two thousand. You will tell me that after taking the vow you cannot pay the revenue assessment but I have got to tell you something in reply thereto. If a man takes a vow under a misconception or in error he is not bound by it. Such a vow cannot stand and for breaking such a vow no one can charge you with having sinned or erred. Him who breaks a vow made in error the world will declare not guilty. You must have noticed what happened in Ahmedabad but many of you do not read newspapers, I will therefore relate what happened there. In a fight between the mill-owners and their employees the latter had vowed not to resume work until they had got a 35 per cent. increase of their wages. But what happened in the end? It was realised that the vow was improper. It could not stand. They broke it and they are all again on duty, having agreed to accept only 27½ per cent. increase. In the same way I say that when you took this misguided vow you did so completely oblivious of your duty to Government. Moreover you had no clear idea of the consequences of such a step either to yourselves or to your children. Consider all these things together now and decide whether you you will perform your duty by the Government or will adhere to your vow and take the consequences. I will be sorry for the consequences you will have to suffer. I should be sorry to see the lands of respectable *Patidars* confiscated. But the responsibility for it will be yours and not mine. The question before you is whether you must stick to your vow and suffer or whether you must pay the assessment. Government know that there are many people going about in a number of villages giving false advice. Government also know that there is a good deal of mis-conception about the right of the agriculturists. Government have therefore mercifully

AGRICULTURISTS' VIEWS.

REMARKABLE DIVISION.

The Commissioner having expressed his willingness to hear anything that the agriculturists might have to say, over a dozen of those present rose one after another and frankly submitted their views.

Mr. Narsinhbhai (Karamsad).—The fight that we are carrying on is not intended to embarass the Government. If the rich among us paid their share—(The Commissioner: But where are the rich who do pay? The fact is that they do not)—the poor would have to follow suit and suffer the consequences.

The Commissioner:—Surely you cannot be correct when you say that there is no fight. Mahatma Gandhi says it is a fight. Others also say the same (at this stage he looked at Mr. Vallabhbhai for his opinion).

Mr. Vallabhbhai:—The speaker who who preceded me does not deny that ours is a fight. He admits that it is. What he means to say is that it is not intended to embarass the authorities.

Mr. Vallabhbhai was continuing when the Commissioner asked him whether he

MR. GANDHI'S REPLY TO MR. PRATT.

"FIGHT TO DEATH AGAINST VINDICTIVENESS AND TYRANNY."

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—The publication of the summary of the Commissioner's Gujarati address to the Kaira cultivators necessitates a reply in justice to the latter as also the workers.

I have before me a verbatim report of the speech. It is more direct than the summary in the laying down of the Government policy. The Commissioner's position is that the revenue authorities' decision regarding suspension is final. They may and do receive and hear complaints from the Ryots but the finality of their decision cannot be questioned. This is the crux of the struggle. It is contended on behalf of the Ryots that, where there are, in matters of administrative orders, sharp differences of opinion between local officials and them the points of differences are and ought to be referred to an impartial committee of inquiry. This, it is held, constitutes the strength of the British constitution. The Commissioner has on principle rejected this position and invited a crisis. And he has made such a fetish of it that he armed himself beforehand with a letter from Lord Willingdon to the effect that even he should not interfere with the Comissioner's decision. He brings in the war to defend his position and adjures the Ryots and me to desist from our cause at this time of peril to the Empire. But I venture to suggest that the Commissioner's attitude constitutes a peril far graver than the German peril, and I am serving the Empire in trying to deliver it from this peril from within. There is no mistaking the fact that India is waking up from its long sleep. The Ryots do not need to be literate to appreciate their rights and their duties. They have but to realise their invulnerable power and no Government, however strong, can stand against their will. The Kaira Ryots are solving an Imperial problem of the first magnitude in India. They will show that it is impossible to govern men without their consent. Once the Civil Service realises this position it will supply to India truly *civil servants* who will be the bulwark of the people's rights. To-day the Civil Service rule is a rule of fear. The Kaira Ryot is fighting for the rule of love. It is the Commissioner who has produced the crisis. It was, as it is now, his duty to placate the people when he saw that they held a different view. The revenue of India will be no more in danger because a Commissioner yields to the popular demands and grants concessions than the administration of justice was in danger when Mrs. Maybrick was reprieved purely in obedience to the popular will, or the Empire was in danger because a corner of a mosque in Cawnpore was replaced in obedience to the same demand. Had I hesitated to advise the people to stand firm against the Commissioner's refusal to listen to their prayer, instead of taking the open and healthy course it has taken, their discontent would have burrowed under and bred ill-will. That son is a true son of his father who rather than harbour ill-will against him frankly but respectfully tells him all he feels and equally respectfully resists him, if he cannot truthfully obey his commands. I apply the same law to the relations between the Government and the people. There cannot be seasons when a man must suspend his conscience. But just as a wise father will quickly agree with his son and not incur his ill-will, especially if the family was in danger from without, even so a wise Government will quickly agree with the Ryots rather than incur their displeasure. War cannot be permitted to give a license to the officials to exact obedience to their orders, even though the Ryots may consider them to be unreasonable and unjust.

The Commissioner steels the hearts of the Ryots for continuing their course by telling them that for a revenue of four lakhs of rupees he will for ever confiscate over a hundred and fifty thousand acres of land worth over three crores of rupees, and for ever declare the holders, their wives and children unworthy of holding any lands in Kaira. He considers the Ryots to be misguided and contumacious in the same breath. These are solemn words.

"Do not be under the impression that our mamlatdars and our talatis will realise the assessment by attaching and selling your movable property. We are not going to trouble ourselves so much. Our officers' time is valuable. Only by your bringing in the monies shall the treasuries be filled. This is no threat. You take it from me that parents never threaten their children. They only advise. But if you do not pay the dues your lands will be confiscated. Many people say that this will not happen. But I say it will. I have no need to take a vow. I shall prove that I mean what I say. The lands of those who do not pay will be confiscated. Those who are contumacious will get no lands in future. Government do not want their names on their Records of Rights. Those who go out shall never be admitted again."

I hold that it is the sacred duty of every loyal citizen to fight unto death against such a spirit of vindictiveness and tyranny. The Commissioner has done the Ahmedabad strikers and me a cruel wrong, in saying that the strikers knowingly broke their vow. He was present at the meeting where the settlement was declared. He may hold that the strikers had broken their vow (though his speech at the meeting produced a contrary impression) but there is nothing to show that the strikers knowingly broke their vow. On the contrary it was entirely kept by their resuming their work on their getting for the first day wages demanded by them, and the final decision as to wages being referred to arbitration. The strikers had suggested arbitration which the mill-owners had rejected. Their struggle in its essence was for a thirty-five per cent. increase in their wages or such increase as an arbitration board may decide. And this is what they have got. The hit at the strikers and me is, I regret to have to say, a hit below the belt.—Yours, etc.,

M. K. GANDHI.

Nadiad, April, 15.

given this last opportunity to listen to my advice. I have come to warn you, to rid yourself of your misunderstanding. The result will be exactly according to the decision you take. But they will all arise out of your adherence to your vow. It won't be open to you to say that no advice or warning was given you. Do what you like after due deliberation. I have only come here to give you a final word of advice. I will only add that it is the duty of the agriculturist to bring money to our treasuries. Do not be under the impression that our mamlatdars and talatis will realise the assessment by attaching and selling your property. We are not going to trouble ourselves so much. Our officers' time is valuable. Only by your bringing in the moneys shall the treasuries be filled. This is no threat, you take it from me that parents never threaten, they only advise. But if you do not pay the assessment your lands will be confiscated. Many people say—'This won't happen' but I say that it will. I have no need to take a vow. I shall prove that I mean what I say. The lands of those who will not pay will be confiscated. Those who are contumacious will get no land in future. Government do not want their names on their records of Rights. Those who go out shall never be admitted again.

was going to make a speech, to which Mr. Vallabhbhai replied that he was going to refer to the question of the millhands' strike at Ahmedabad.

The Commissioner: Well, you may go on, but to-day is our turn.

Mr. Vallabhbhai:—The Commissioner has referred to the strike and the vow of the Ahmedabad mill-hands and I want to say a word or two with respect thereto. I was one of the workers during the trouble and I say that there was no breaking of the millhands' vows. Ever since the inception it was distinctly understood that if the millowners would accept the principle of arbitration the mill-hands would on their part accept the rate of wages determined by arbitration, and resume work. The terms of the compromise that was arrived at were that an arbitrator was appointed and that the mill-hands should resume work on condition that they should accept 35 per cent. increase on the first day, 20 per cent. increase on the second day and 27½ per cent. on the third day, onward till the date of the award, subject to an increase and decrease according to the terms of the award. That the principle of arbitration was acceptable to the mill-bands and not inconsistent with their vow from the very beginning was published many days before the compromise. Mr. Pratt himself graced the last meeting of the mill-hands where the terms of compromise were declared. He says he has a great regard for Mr. Gandhi. (The Commissioner—Yes, of course). Mr. Gandhi has a great regard for Mr. Pratt, and so have I. But it was Mr. Pratt who said on that occasion that the millhands should always follow Mr. Gandhi's advice and they would not fail to get justice. I also say likewise that if you follow Mr. Gandhi's advice in this matter you are sure to get justice at Mr. Pratt's hands. Here also the Commissioner may if he so wishes, get a committee appointed and we would willingly accept its decision as not inconsistent with our vows.

AN AGRICULTURIST'S APPEAL.

An agriculturist—Government is our *ma bap*, we are gratified to have the rare privilege of seeing you, Sir, to-day. I implore you as the representatives of the *ma bap* to visit our villages to ascertain the amount of our crops. We have no grains in our houses. The scourge of plague is upon us. Bajri which was sold at Rs. 2 a maund in Sanvat 1916 is now selling at Rs. 3 and ½ a maund. Rice is at Rs. 4 to 6 a maund. And under the law we may not store Mowhra flowers. What shall the poor eat as they are thus placed and wherefrom shall they procure the money they pay you with? The price of iron having gone up our ploughshares and our implements have become very dear. Things that cost two or three rupees before are costing Rs. 12 to-day. Labour also has become very expensive. We have to pay six annas for labour which we used to get for three. Sarkar *ma bap* should have mercy on us.

The Commissioner—I do not want to answer any question regarding other things. Speak up whether or not you are going to pay.

Mr. Mohanlal Pandy—Sir, the question is not now so much of payment or otherwise as of one of truth against untruth. We say that the crops have been less than four annas. Government do not believe us. If they admit that the crops are under four annas we will surely pay up the dues. for we understand that the Government are very hard pressed during the war. What is intolerable is that the word of an ordinary talati should be accepted as true, while what a respectable agriculturist says should be rejected as false. We know from the Hindoo Shastras that Harischandra renounced his whole Kingdom for the sake of truth. To give up a small piece of land for the sake of truth is of no account therefore. We took the vow we have with the fullest deliberation and knowledge and we are not going to swerve therefrom even though the sun should change his course. And if inspite of this the Sarkar *ma bap* decide to deal death to us we will not fail.

Mr. Motilal (Chikhodra)—I saw the Commissioner only to-day. He is a very good man. We ought to pay the money. But as the Commissioner himself has said that 80 per cent of the assessment has already been paid the question is only of 9 months' interest on the small balance. If things stand thus and if the unity between the rulers and the ruled can be brought about I am ready to contribute Rs. 1,000 to wards the loss of interest sustained by Government.

The Commissioner.—Government is not hard-pressed for money you need not pay a single rupee more than what is due.

Narharibhai (Uttersanda.)—When the Assistant Collector visited our village I showed him the notice of confiscation served upon me. I told him that confiscation may only be made of such portion of my land as may be necessary to cover the amount due from me. Can Government confiscate Rs. 4,000 worth of land for recovering Rs. 4 revenue? Is it fair?

MR. PRATT'S FINAL WORD.

Commissioner—Yes, that is a matter for Government's discretion. It is not a question of Rs. 4 but it affects 36 crores of people. If you are all allowed to do as you are doing the whole nation would also do the same. I have finished. The final decision rests with you. To a *sanyasi* the loss of property may not matter at-all. But you are not *Sanyasis*.

Mr. Sudnasab Abdulsab of Sholapur has made over to Mr. Simcox, Collector of Sholapur, a sum of Rs. 7,000 for the establishment of scholarships for poor Mahomedan students who attend the Sholapur High School.

REFORMS IN INDIA.

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Let us keep watch with the ground officer. At present the observer in the balloon has just sent word to "haul down," and the winch is winding in the cable. The Flight-Sergeant has blown the whistle, and the men have fallen in in two ranks waiting for the balloon to come within reach. Two officers in their air coats and parachute harnesses are waiting to relieve the observers. Suddenly, as the balloon approaches. the Flight-Sergeant gives the order "Stop the winch, on your guys double," and the men rush for their appointed places on the handling guys. "Hand over hand haul down,"—and the balloon's car gently touches the ground, the observers climb out and their place is taken by the two who are waiting to relieve them.

In less than two minutes the order is given:—"Hand over hand let up, walk forward the winch," and the balloon ascends. We watch it swaying gently in the breeze until the air chambers fill when she will keep her head to the wind. After a time the winch stops and the telephonist sitting under the lorry says: "Stopped to put on the pennant, Sir." A man on the lorry is at the same time fixing a pennant to the cable. This is to advertise the cable's presence to passing aeroplanes, and altogether about three or four pennants are added at intervals of 500 feet. Presently the telephonist calls out: "Stop the winch, Sir," and the order is repeated by the ground officer. After a minute or two he obtains from the telephonist the information that the balloon is flying at 3,600 feet and that the force of the wind is 20 miles per hour. He thereupon orders the cable to be tested, and one of the winch party places an instrument on the line and reports: "Tension four hundred, Sir." "Very good," says the officer, "take tension again in ten minutes' time."

The cable has been known to break, in which case the observer has to throw all maps out of the car and then parachute down. At this juncture we are interrupted by a corporal who salutes and waits in evident expectation. "Three six," says the officer, "Thank you, Sir," is the answer. "The guns are in the same place, Sir." And the corporal departs. The officer tells us that this N.C.O., is in charge of the machine-guns, which defend the balloon should it be attacked, therefore they are given the range in hundreds of feet.

"German aeroplane coming this way, Sir," calls out the air scout. "Start the engine," orders the ground officer. "Where is the 'phone," he asks the scout. We can see it flying at about 12,000 feet, surrounded by little white puffs which denote that the anti-aircraft shells are dong their duty. It may sweep down on the balloon, or it may simply be flying across the salient, but the ground officer is taking no chances. Having seen that the engine of the lorry is working satisfactorily he goes to the telephone. "No immediate danger yet," you hear him say, "it is flying very high. Probably passing." A minute later he 'phones up: "All clear, old man," and stops the engine. His is a responsible duty, for the lives of the observers are in his keeping, and he cannot afford to make mistakes.

Half an hour later another warning comes and this time the purpose of the approaching aeroplane is clear. The engine is started, and the winch party don their steel helmets. The officer goes to the telephone, and on the way he presses the button of a Claxton horn. In response to the call the machine-guns splutter out their defiance, and already the "Archie" batteries are barking away with all their might. "Jump," says the officer to the telephone, and ten seconds later we see two white umbrellas floating away from the balloon. At the same time we see the 'plane, her black crosses clearly visible on her wings, firing, a stream of bullets into the baloon. The grey streaks of smoke seem to wind about her bow; then, suddenly, a black jet shoots up from the balloon. "They've got her," says the Flight-Sergeant, and the officer sends the tender to pick up the observers.

Half an hour later we are all sitting down to tea in the mess, our observer, friends none the worse for their adventure. "This is the fourth time I have had to turn out," says one, "one gets accustomed to it." Certainly it does not seem to spoil his appetite. His companion has also been out before. The last time his balloon had broken loose, and he landed in No Man's Land and lay in a crater until it was dark. These men certainly earn their pay.

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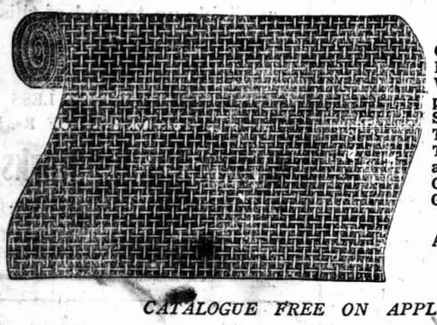

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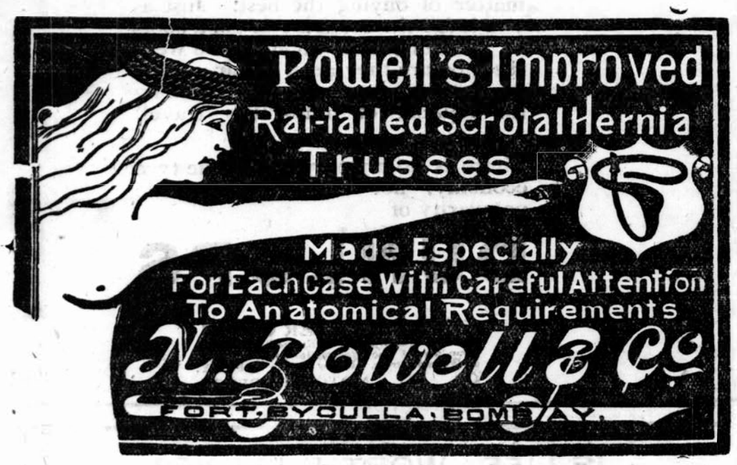

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"Your husband?" Hugh repeated, utterly bewildered, "what do you mean? I thought I was your husband."

"So you are," she answered, "but you made me a widow before you made me a wife."

"A widow? You?" Hugh gasped, "you must be mad."

"Oh, you'll find I'm sane enough," she answered.

"A widow?" he repeated, "I made you a widow? You don't mean that old man, Dorine's father—good heavens, you don't mean you were married to that old man?"

"No, he was not my husband," she replied. "It was my husband you killed on the Downs the night you interfered when they had got hold of that Dorine girl at last—then you came meddling and you killed him, and when I knew I swore I would kill you in return. That's fair, isn't it? That's justice, isn't it?" She laughed rather dreadfully and wiped her lips on which a light foam had gathered. "I loved him," she said, "he was a man."

Hugh, blinking at her as though to make sure she were still the same person, tried to take in the full meaning of this revelation.

"In point of fact," he remarked presently, "I didn't kill him, whether he was your husband or not. There was some other man with him, they started firing at me and the other man shot him instead by accident."

"Oh, yes, so you say," Gertrude retorted. "Anyhow, it was your fault, for if you hadn't come interfering everything would have gone off quite well and comfortably. You spoilt it all and now you've got to pay."

"What did they want with Dorine?" Hugh asked.

"They wouldn't have hurt her," Gertrude retorted. "They always said she was too valuable to put out of the way. If they had taken my advice they would have settled her years ago. Then all this would never have happened."

"But why is she valuable?" Hugh asked, "and who are they?"

"Never mind, it doesn't matter to you now," Gertrude retorted. "She is safely disposed of, that's one comfort. To-morrow she will take her vows. That's all you've done for her, you and your meddling."

"But if you were married," Hugh said, trying to understand, "were you married when we became engaged?"

She nodded in the coolest manner possible.

"Old Man Guyers was keeping me so short of cash, something had to be done," she said. "I tried pawning jewellery, but he was down on it at once, like a ton of bricks. We began to be afraid he would suspect."

"He did not know of your marriage?" Hugh asked.

"Not he," she answered. "Tommy wanted us married to make sure. I think. I didn't mind though I thought it was a silly risk, I suppose really I wanted it, too. There's something in being really married after all. As for Old Man Guyers we fooled him easily enough in spite of all his cuteness. But we had to be careful, he wasn't the sort of person to take chances with. He spotted once that there was something on between me and Tommy. My word, there was a scene. If I hadn't been careful I should have found myself packed off to his old aunt's, way out in some New England village where they keep the Sabbath all week, fancy me there. Tommy and I had to laugh, but the old man meant it right enough and I had to mind. Luckily I could always get round him by talking about dear mamma."

"I believe," Hugh said thoughtfully as she paused, "I believe you are a much worse woman than I thought."

"Do you?" she sneered, "a lot it matters what you think. And it was his own fault, he kept me so short of money. There was I, supposed to be the daughter of a millionaire, and I could not lay my hands on a penny. He would pay my bills, but cash?—no. It made me mad. If we had got those diamonds of yours when we touched for them, it would have been something, but that didn't come off—your meddling again."

"Then you were concerned in that?" Hugh cried.

"Of course," she answered calmly, "that is what I got engaged to you for first of all. Did you never hear that I was engaged to young Martin Wayne once? Then his dear mommer lost her jewels, and I found out I had made a mistake when I thought I loved him. That was the original idea with you, too, but you spoilt the show and you spoilt Old Joe's nerve as well, and there was always the risk that Old Man Guyers would fall to something. Besides what with the fences, and what with one thing or another jewellery has to be specially good to be worth while. The duchess's lot didn't clear expenses, and when we landed the Cleopatra pearls from Lady Tudor we found they were sham, I suppose she pawned the real ones and wore the imitation instead."

"But, good heavens," Hugh interrupted, "why on earth did you, a millionaire's daughter, the daughter of one of the richest men living, why on earth did you mix yourself up with such a gang?"

"Because I couldn't help myself," she answered sullenly. "Perhaps I'm no worse than others, but I never had a chance, and now you've got to pay for it as well as me. So when Old Joe lost his nerve and we got turned down over the Cleopatra pearls we saw something had to be done, and we fixed on carrying the affair through with you."

"Although you were married all the time?" Hugh said. "And your precious husband, what did he think of that? Did he agree?"

"Oh, yes," Gertrude answered calmly, "yes—but I believe he thought there might be some accident happen after the wedding. A motor car accident on the way to the station, perhaps. He told me to go to church, and leave the rest to him. I trusted him, he was a man."

"You trusted him?" repeated Hugh, and understood clearly that from the beginning his death had been determined on.

"My dear papa's arrangements made it certain that your widow would be very well off," observed Gertrude. "And when I knew you had killed Tom, then I made up my mind I would carry out Tom's plan. He would like me to, I think," she added.

Hugh looked at her wonderingly. This self-confessed murderess and thief had this at least about her, she had really loved her accomplice-husband. Hugh was able to do her that justice even when he knew that she intended his death. It crossed his mind that in her was a strength of purpose that had it been turned to worthy ends instead of ill might have made of her a fine character.

"I'm going to write my letters now," she told him. "Would you like to know the programme? To-night you will be taken worse. To-morrow you will be so much worse that I shall telephone to your father and mother to come at once. But I fear they will arrive too late."

She went away quickly and the pale Celestine came in and sat silently by the bedside. Hugh was feeling very exhausted after the strain of his interview with Gertrude, and for a long time he lay silent, his eyes fixed upon the ceiling.

He wondered what it was like to die.

Looking at the situation as dispassionately as possible he did not see that there was much hope. No one would suspect Gertrude. Why should they? As for the doctor, she had evidently hoodwinked him completely. His thoughts turned to Dorine. His longing for her was like blades of white hot steel piercing his heart. But he would never see her more, and she would never know his fate. He tried to lift himself in the bed with a vague idea of endeavouring to escape, but he could not for he was very weak, not only from the action of the drug that had been given him, but for want of food. Not even despair could lend him strength enough to stand upright, and how bitter it was to feel that down a flight of steps and the length of a hall lay safety. And the telephone, if he could only get to that? Once more he tried to move and saw that Celestine was looking at him. He said to her:

"Do you know what your mistress is doing? She has given me poison."

Celestine made no reply, her face remained as impassive as though she had not heard.

"If you will help me, I will pay you well," Hugh said.

Celestine shrugged her shoulders, but made no other answer.

"You can refuse a thousand pounds?" Hugh asked.

"She would kill me," Celestine answered. "Why did you marry her? That was a foolish thing to do. I would rather have married a tigress, me."

"If you will help me," Hugh insisted, "I will pay you well and see that no one hurts you. You will be quite safe."

"Look after your own safety first," Celestine retorted bitterly. "My faith! If I tried I would only ruin myself without helping you. There are things she knows about me, she is not a woman to play tricks with. For you, I am sorry, but what would you? It is a misfortune but it must be endured."

"You seem very resigned to my misfortunes," observed Hugh drily.

He lay still again and after a time he actually went to sleep. He awoke feeling a good deal refreshed and much stronger. No doubt the effect of the drug was passing off. In a little while he might be able to do something to help himself if only he could get his strength back. But perhaps his food would be poisoned.

"Will you get me some raw eggs?" he said to Celestine. "I will give you £100 each for some raw eggs."

"Cash?" she asked.

"I haven't cash," he answered, "but I will give you a cheque or a written promise."

She shrugged her shoulders as though she thought cheques and promises counted for little, but at the same time she seemed as though she were hesitating a little. She said nothing however, and after a time Gertrude came into the room again carrying a tray on which was a small bowl of soup.

"It is chicken broth," she told him. "I prepared it myself, the servants are much impressed by my devotion. Would you like some?"

"Not if you prepared it yourself," he answered, looking at her steadily.

"Well, you must, you see," she answered. "If you are obstinate. Celestine will hold your hands, and I will pour it down your throat."

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